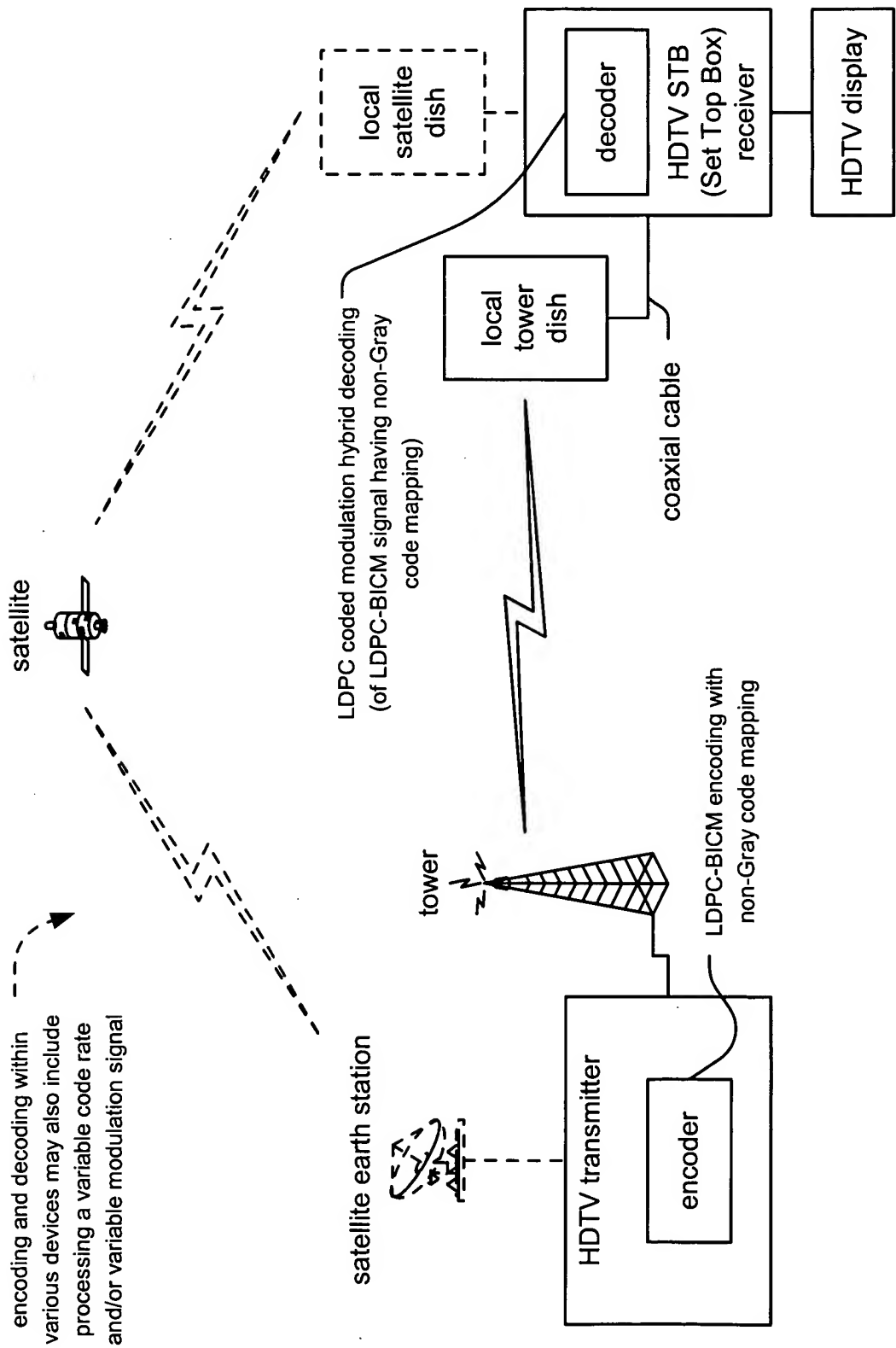


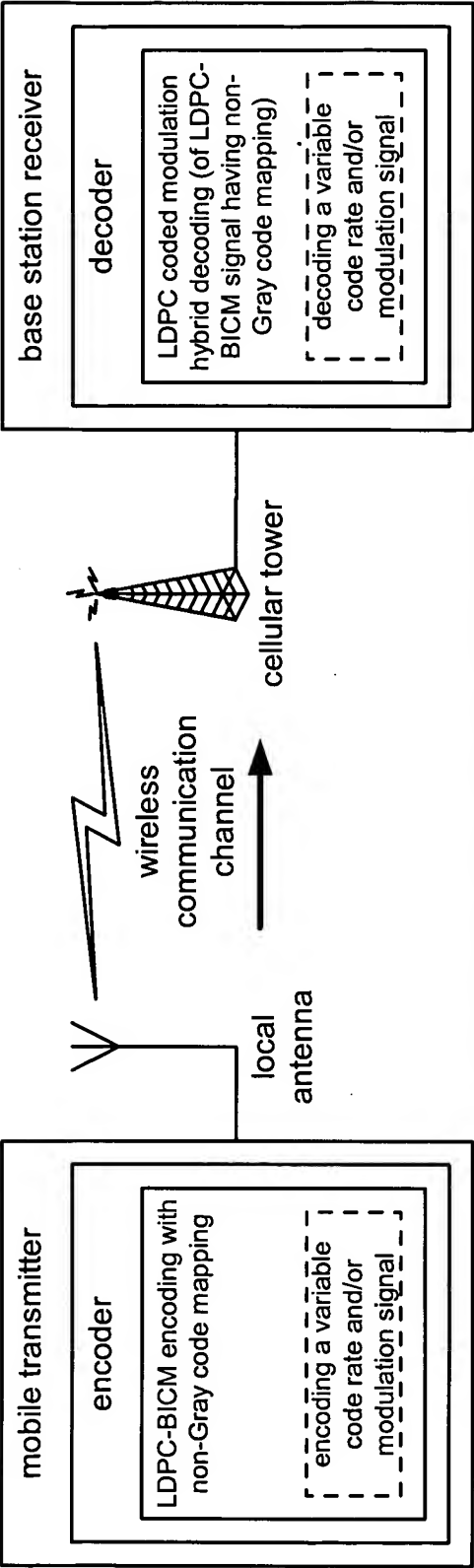
satellite communication system

**Fig. 1**

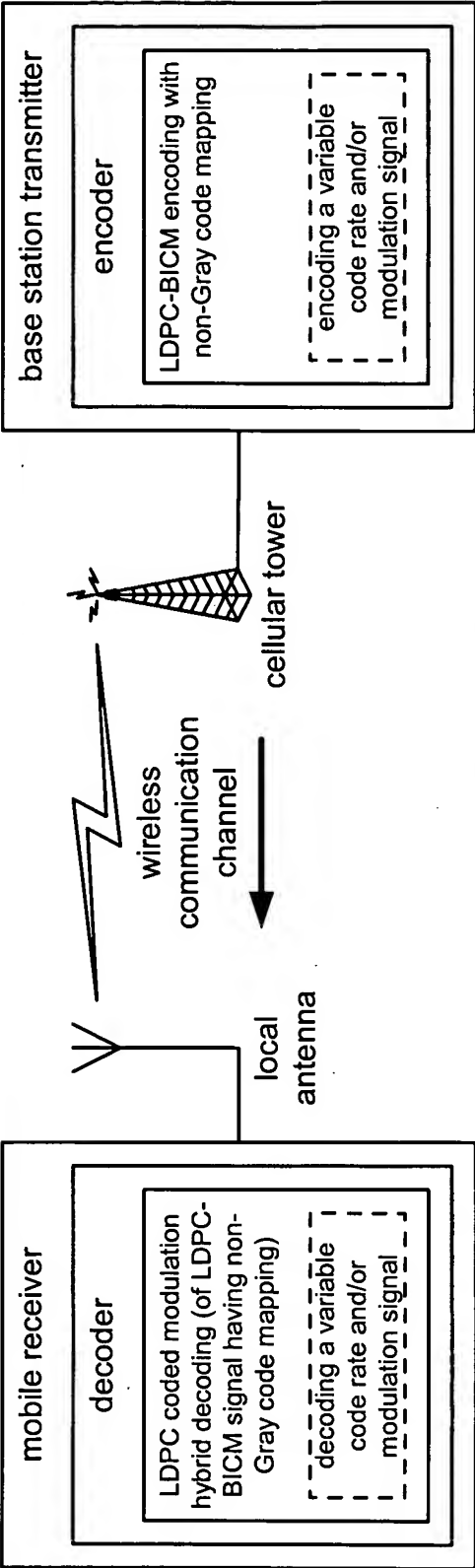


HDTV (High Definition Television) communication system

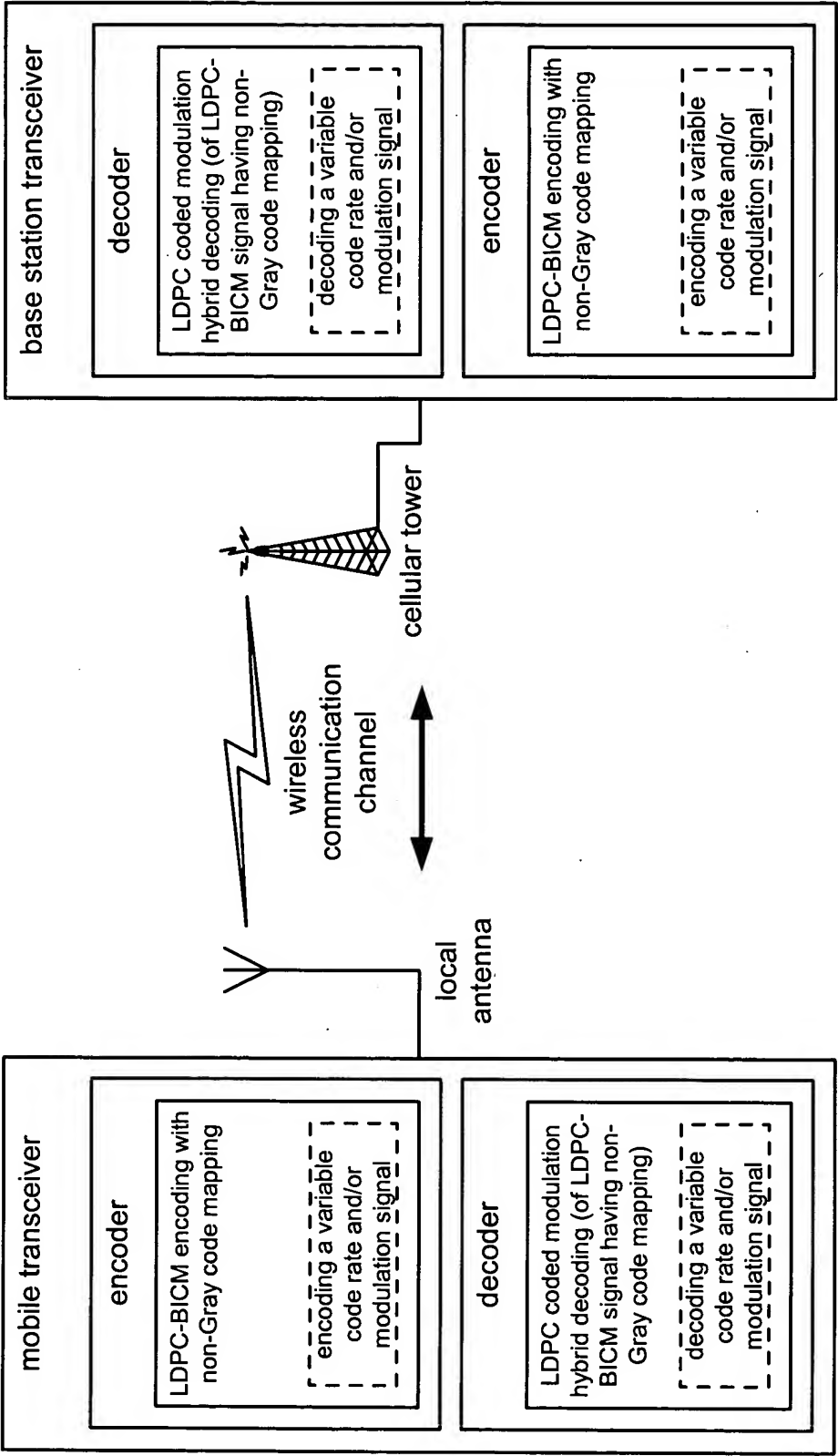
**Fig. 2**



uni-directional cellular communication system  
**Fig. 3A**

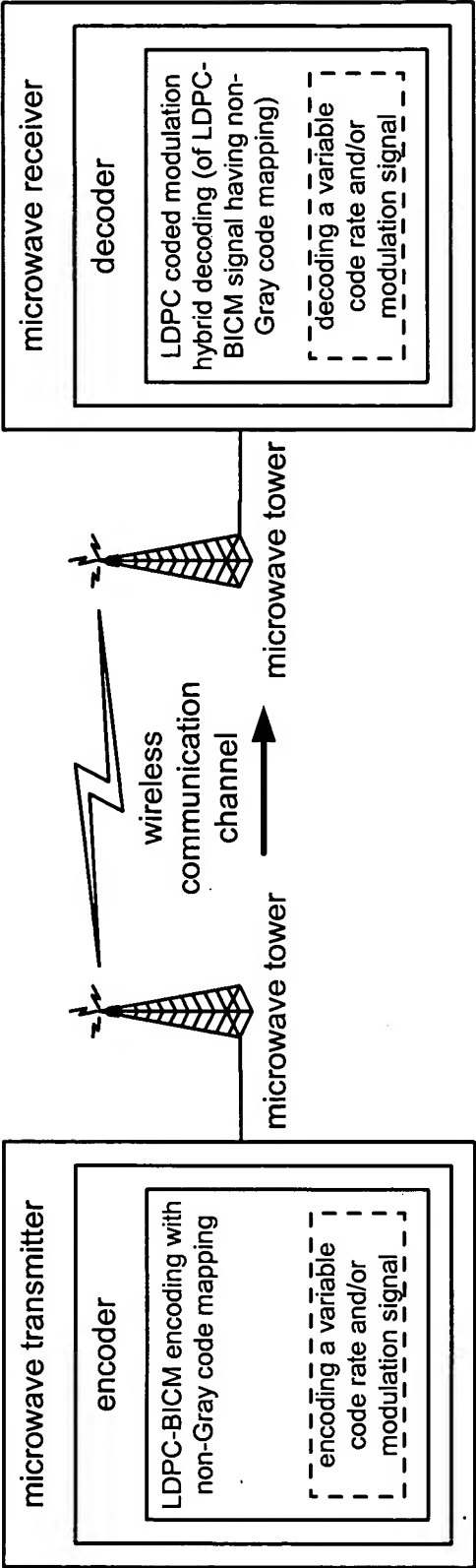


uni-directional cellular communication system  
**Fig. 3B**

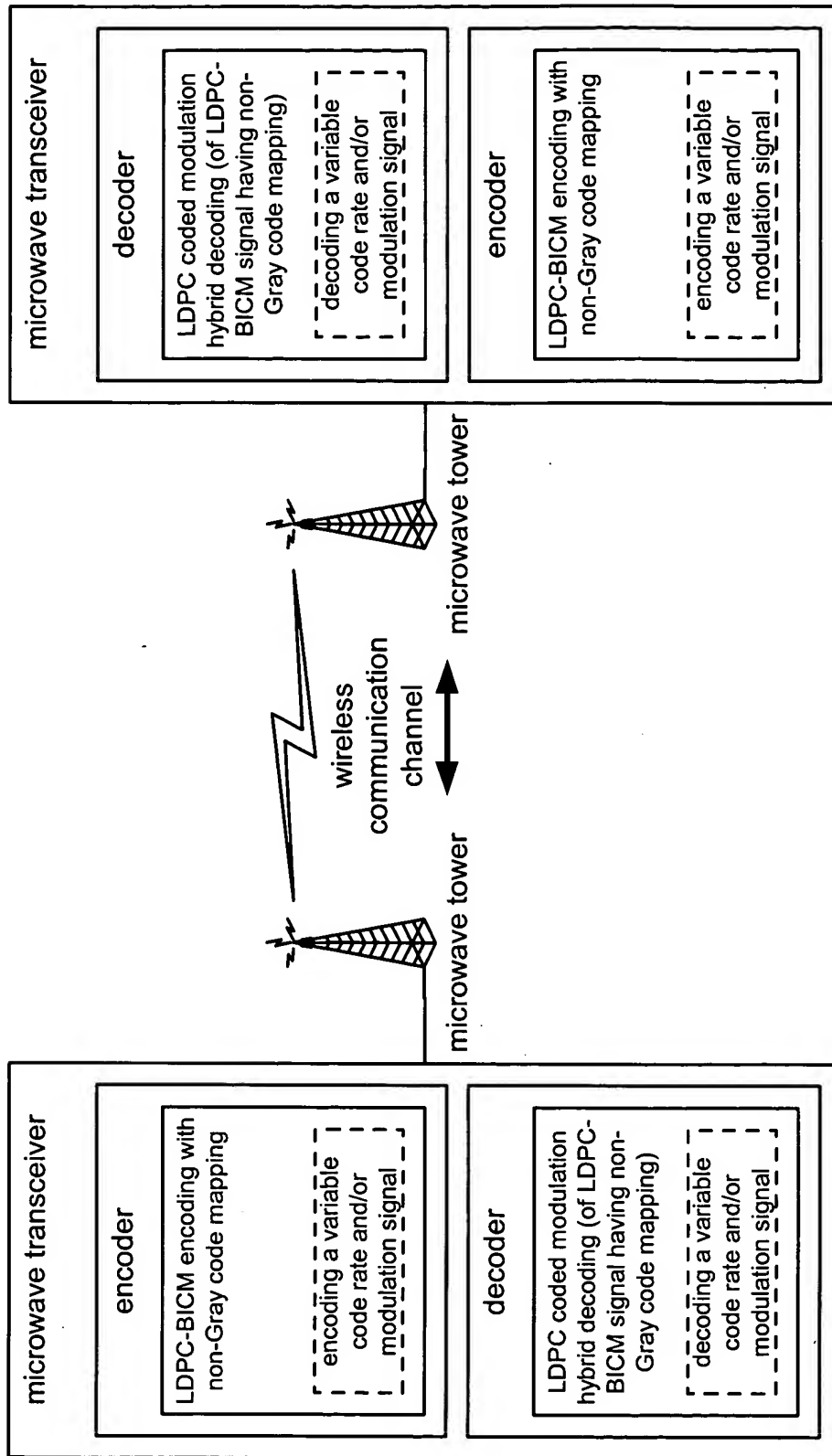


bi-directional cellular communication system

**Fig. 4**

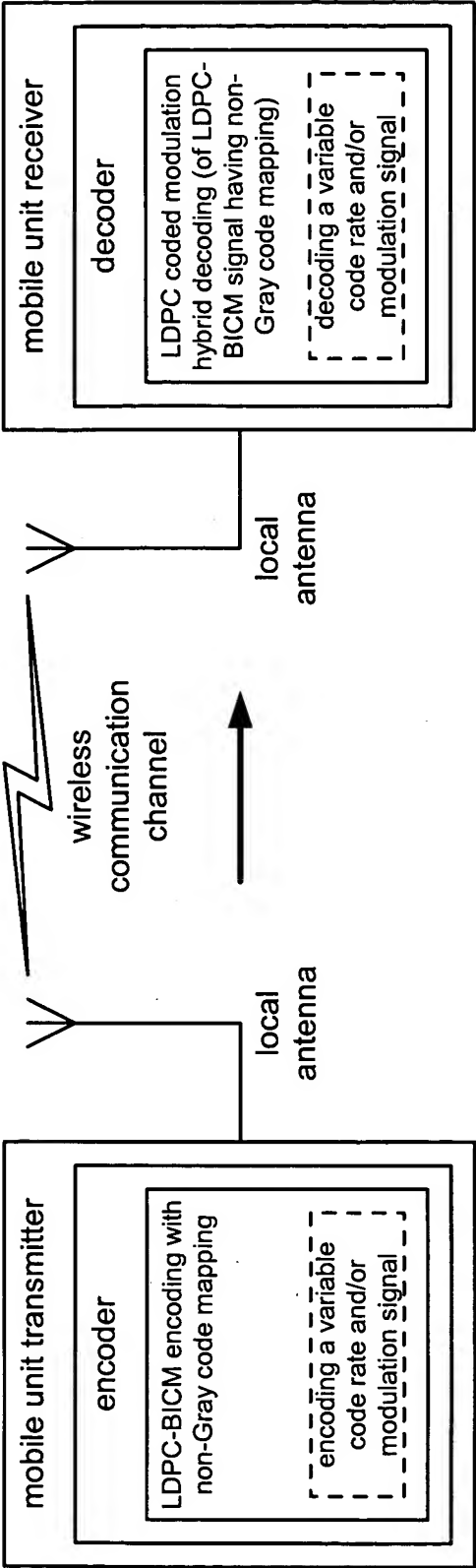


uni-directional microwave communication system  
**Fig. 5**



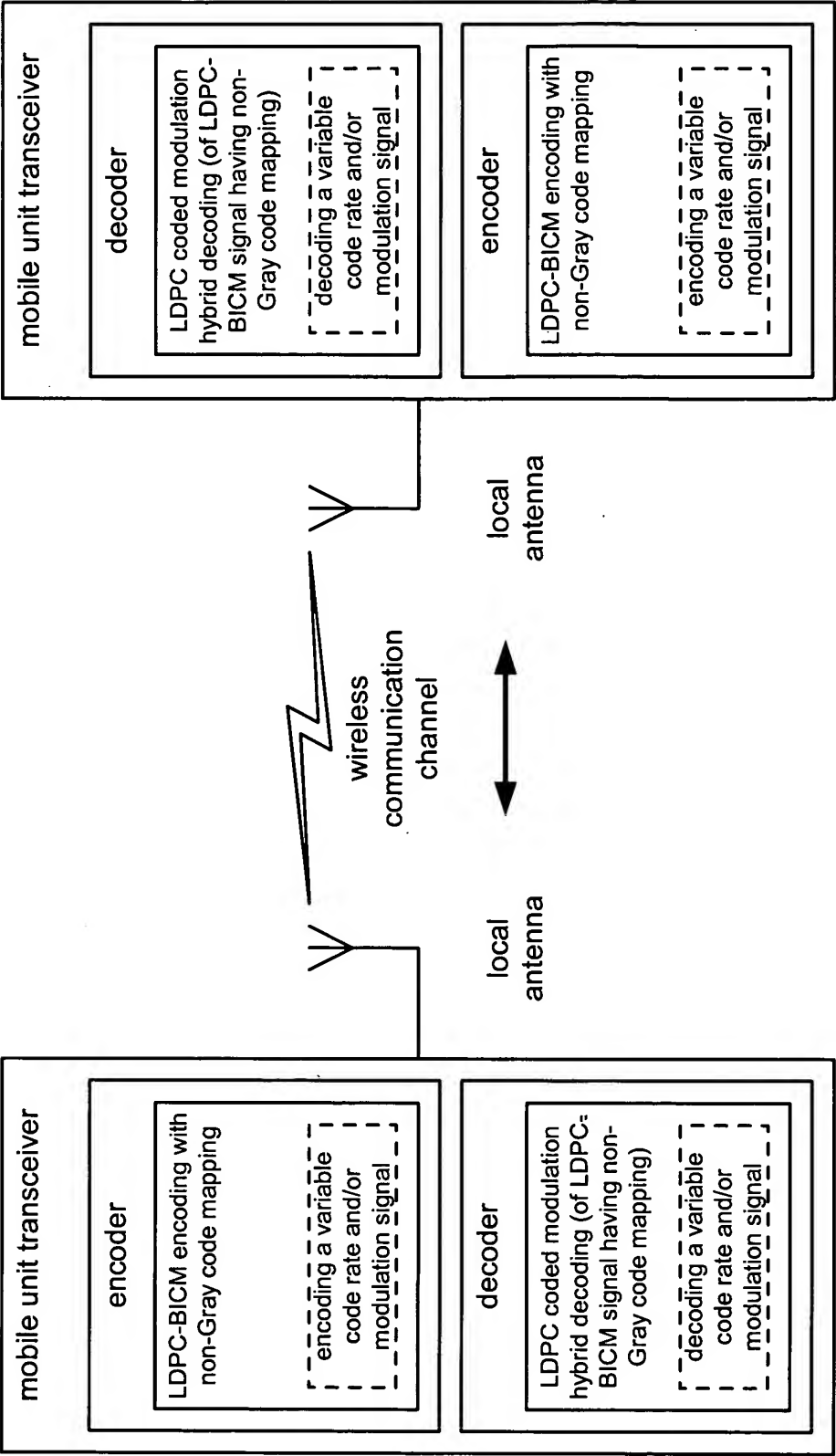
bi-directional microwave communication system

**Fig. 6**



uni-directional point-to-point radio communication system

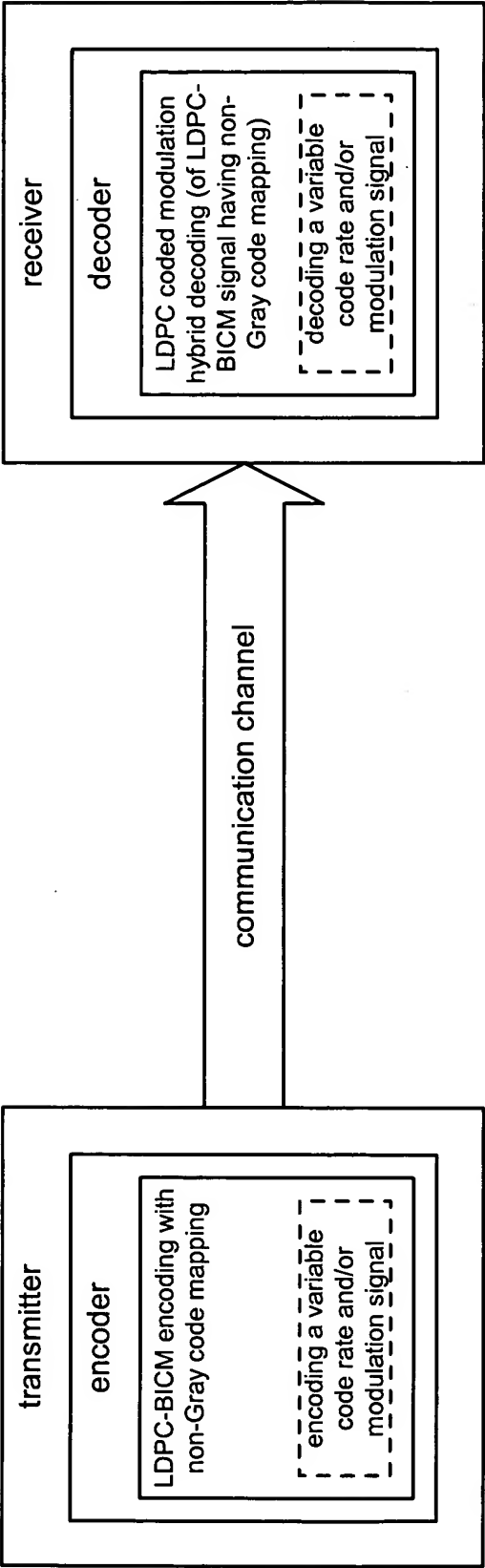
**Fig. 7**



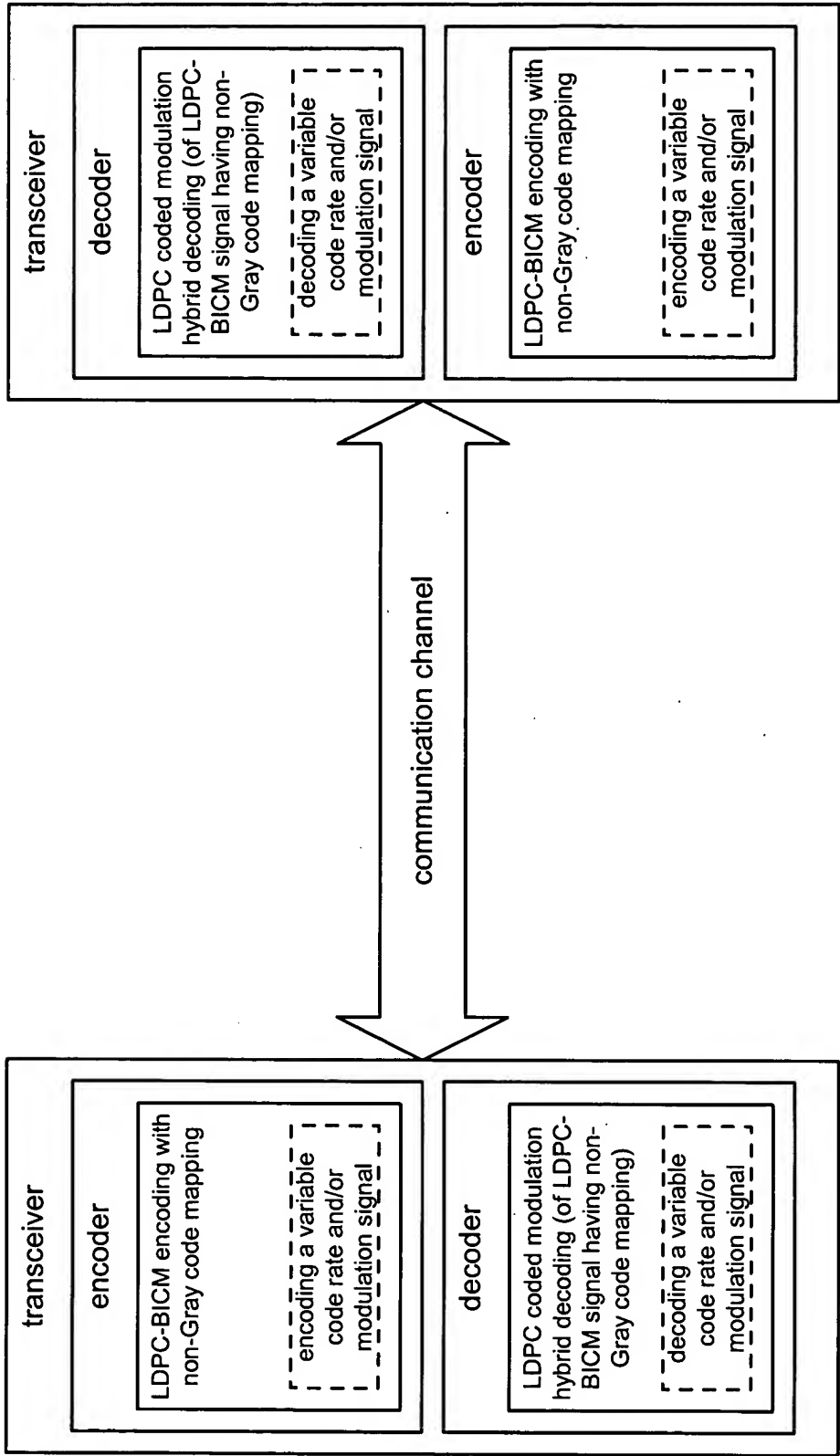
bi-directional point-to-point radio communication system

**Fig. 8**



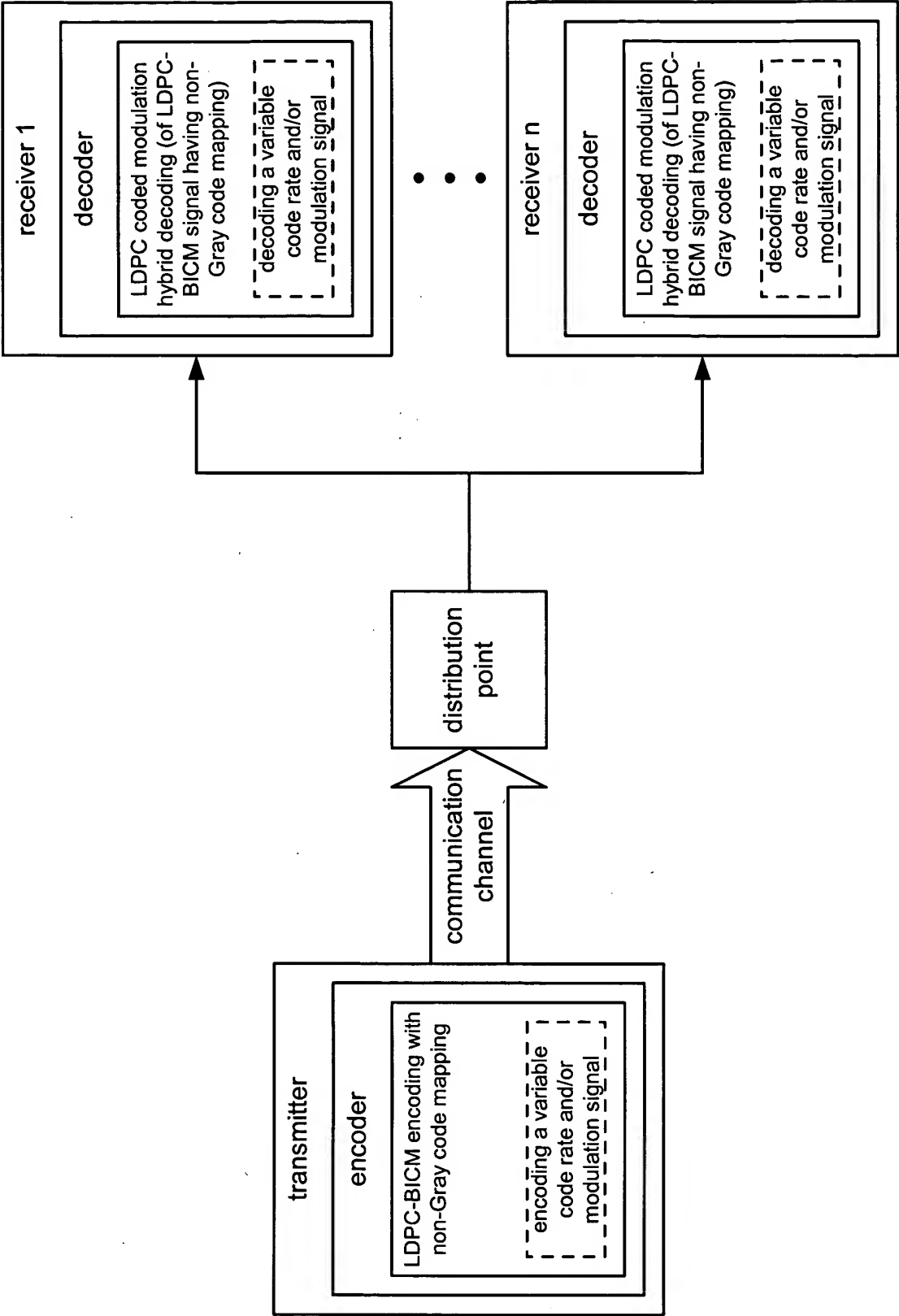


uni-directional communication system  
**Fig. 9**



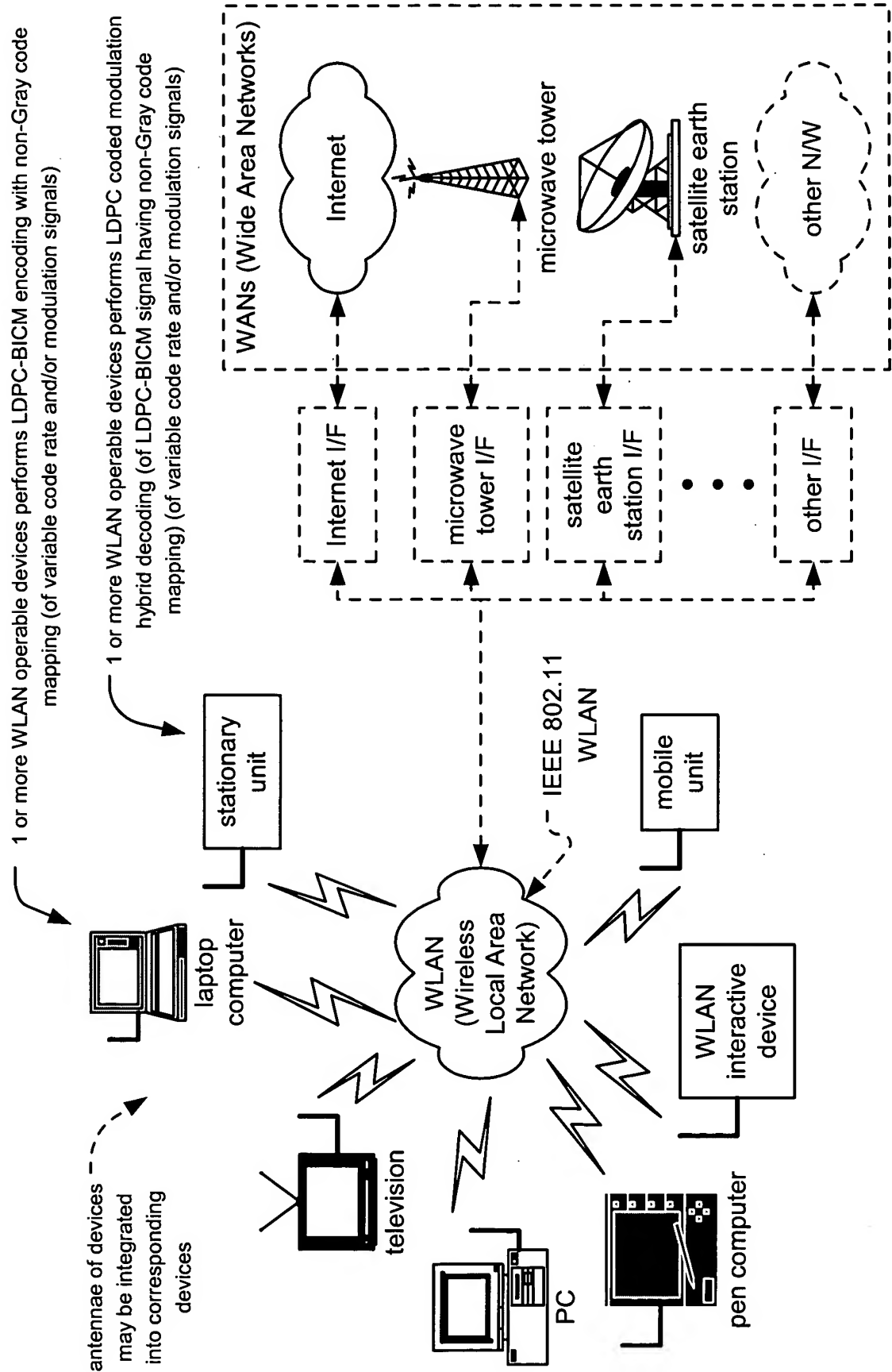
bi-directional communication system

**Fig. 10**



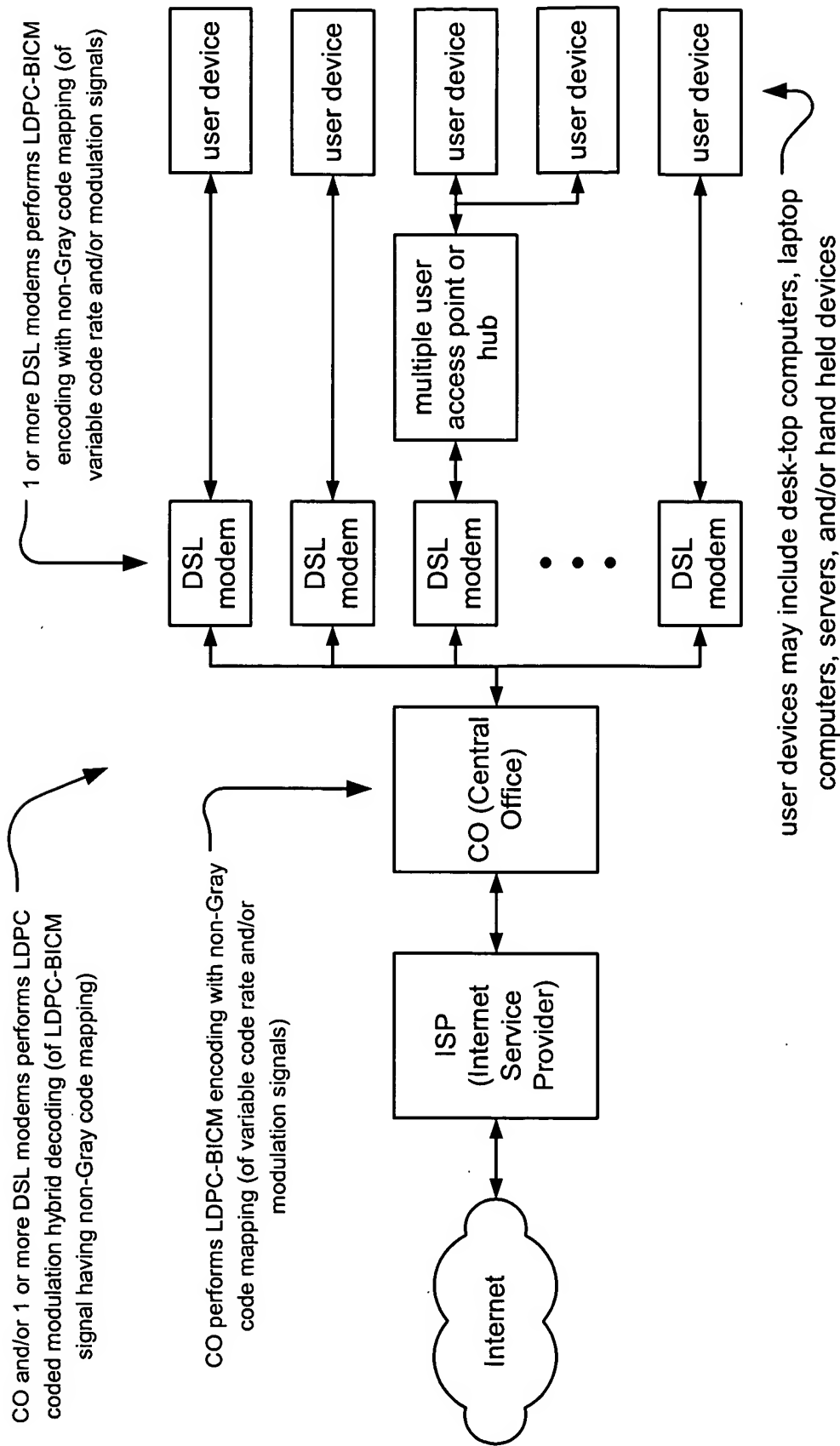
one to many communication system

**Fig. 11**



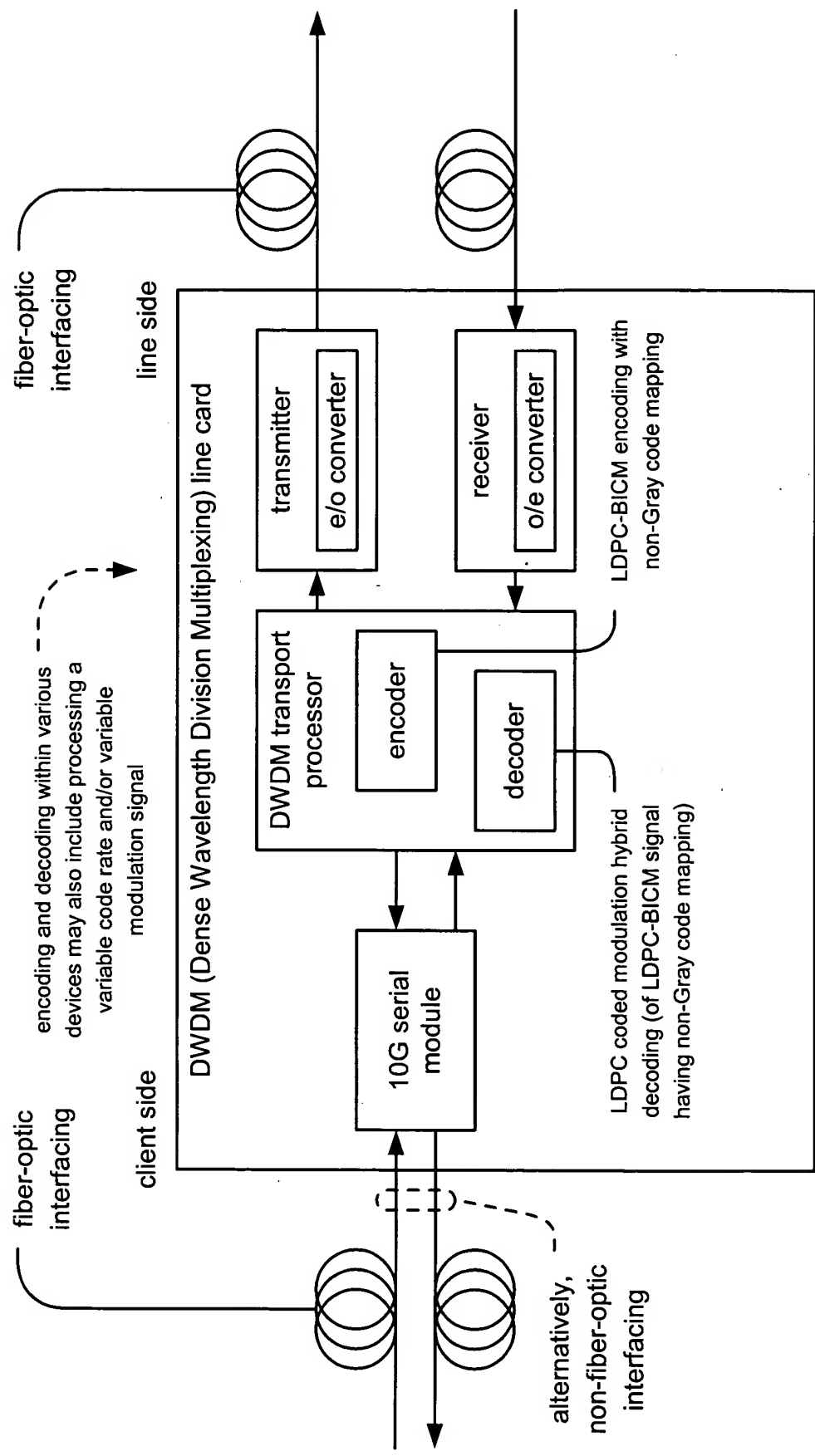
WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) communication system

**Fig. 12**



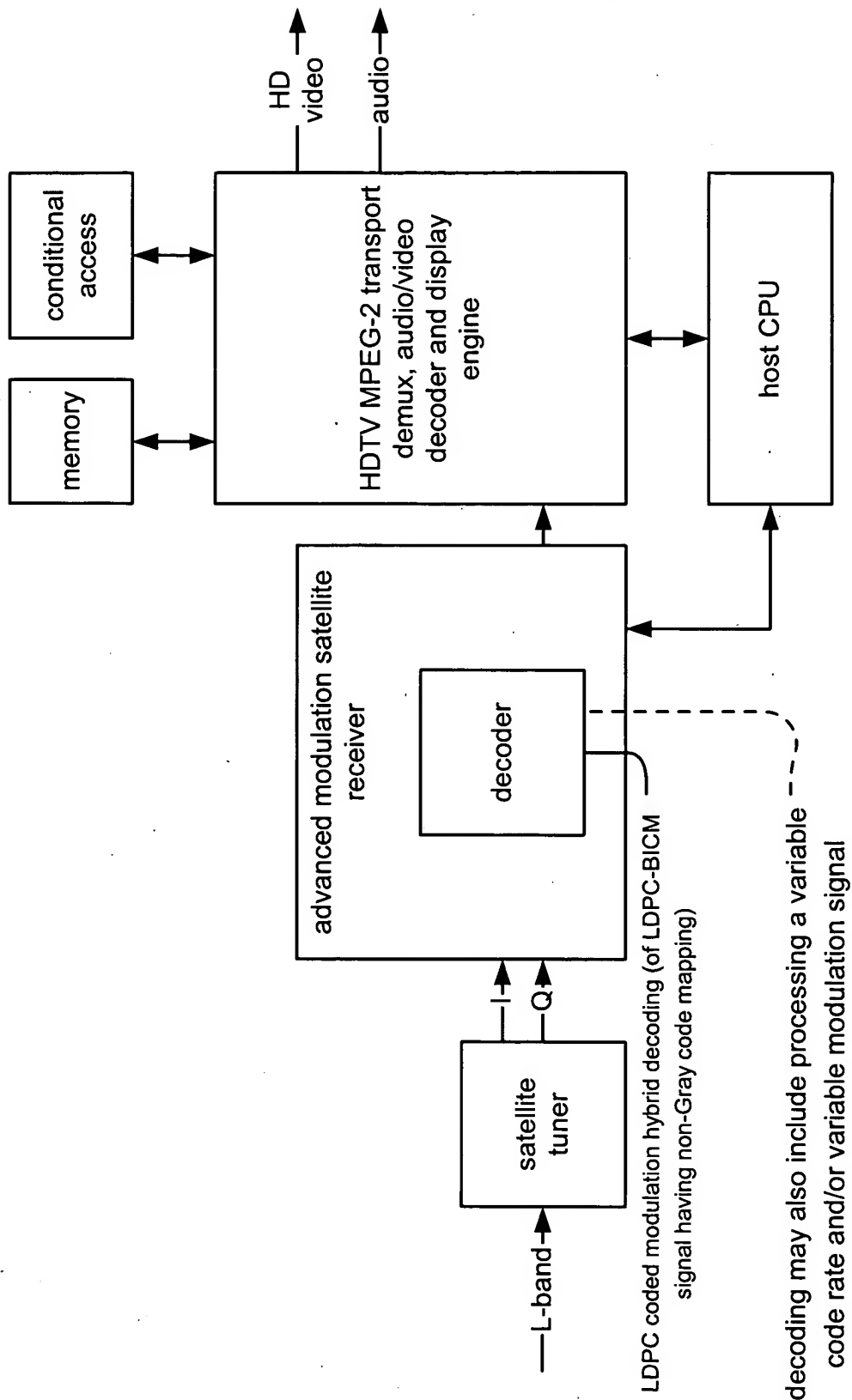
DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) communication system

**Fig. 13**



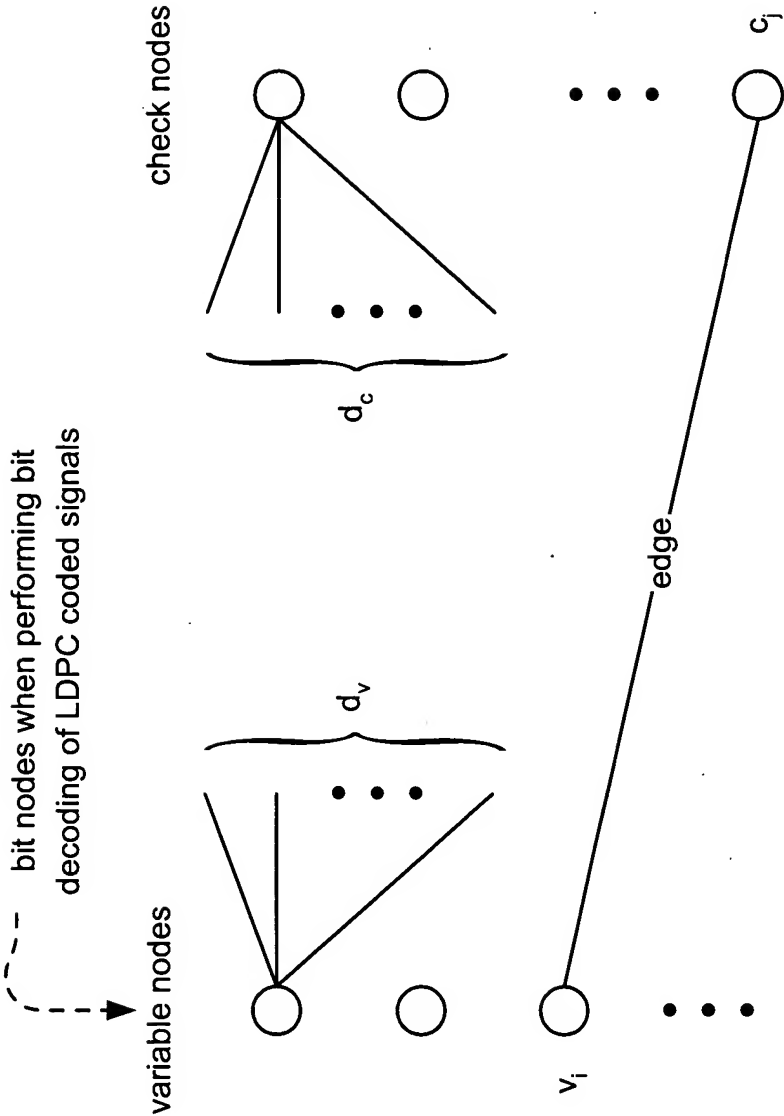
fiber-optic communication system

**Fig. 14**



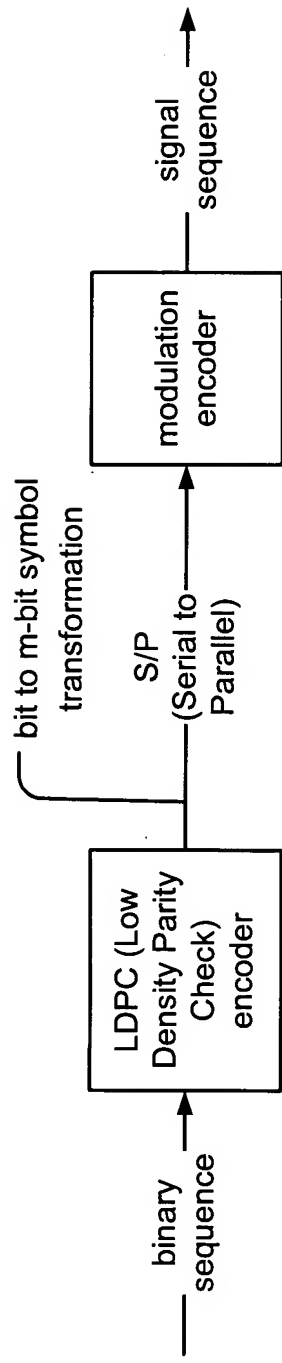
satellite receiver STB (Set Top Box) system

**Fig. 15**

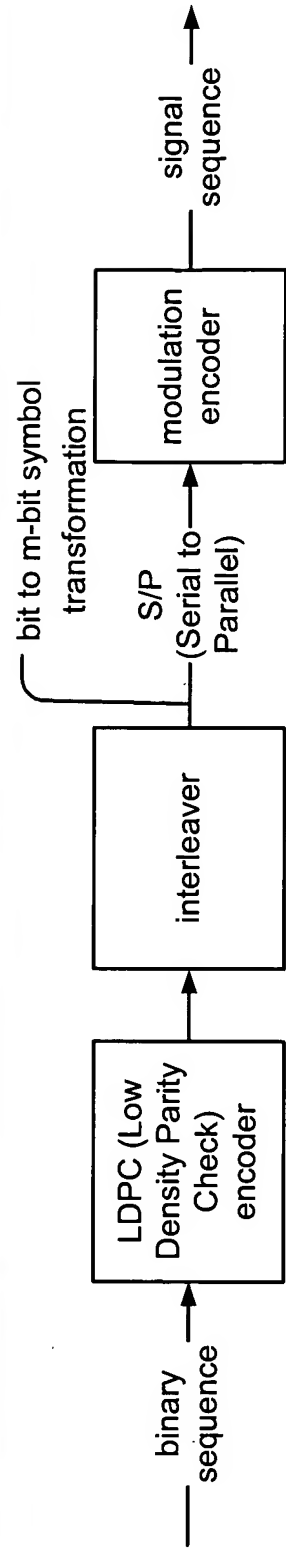


LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) code bipartite graph  
**Fig. 16**

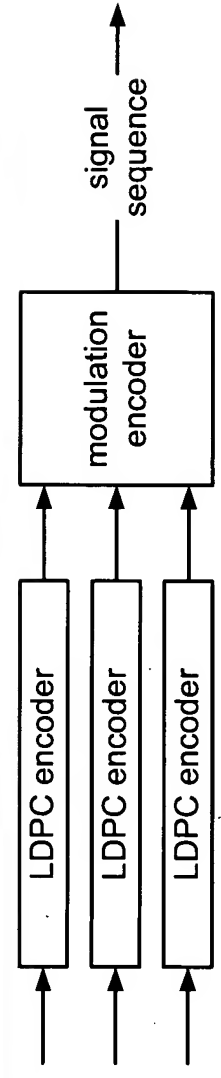




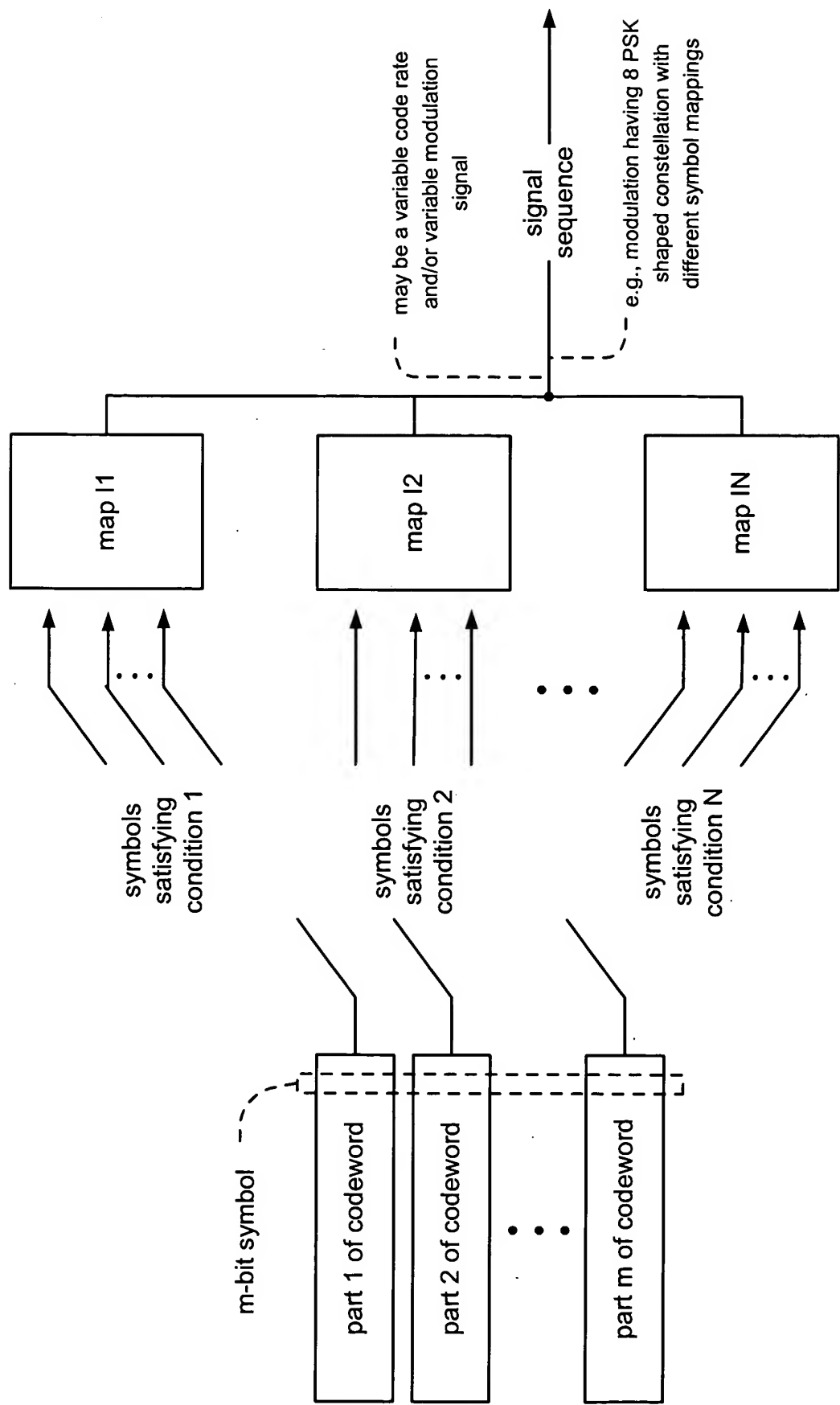
direct combining of LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coding and modulation  
**Fig. 17A**



BICM (Bit Interleaved Coded Modulation)  
**Fig. 17B**

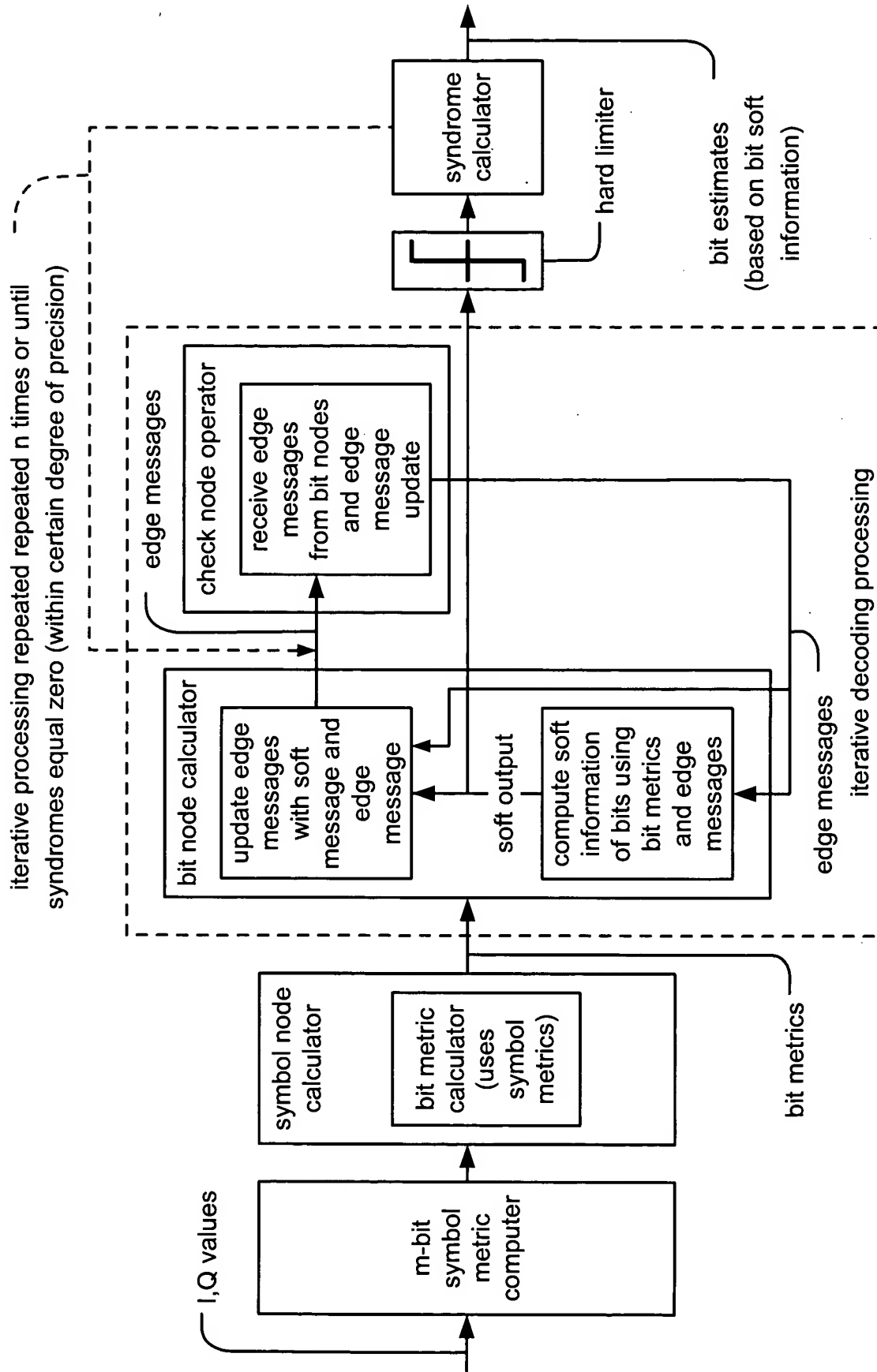


multilevel coded modulation  
**Fig. 17C**



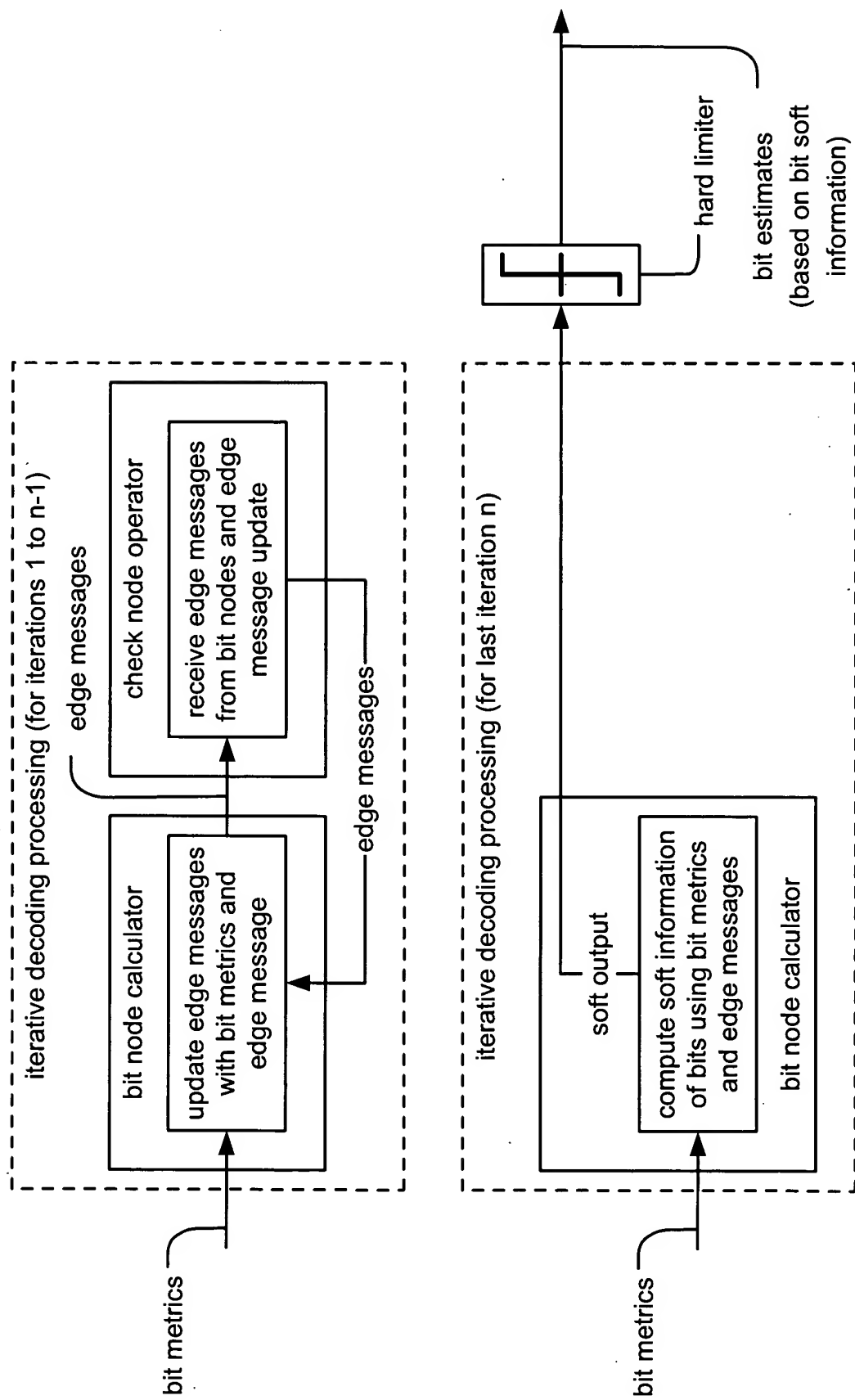
variable signal mapping LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation system

**Fig. 18**



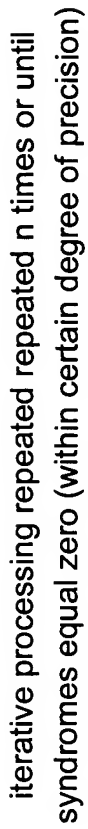
LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation decoding functionality using bit metric

**Fig. 19**



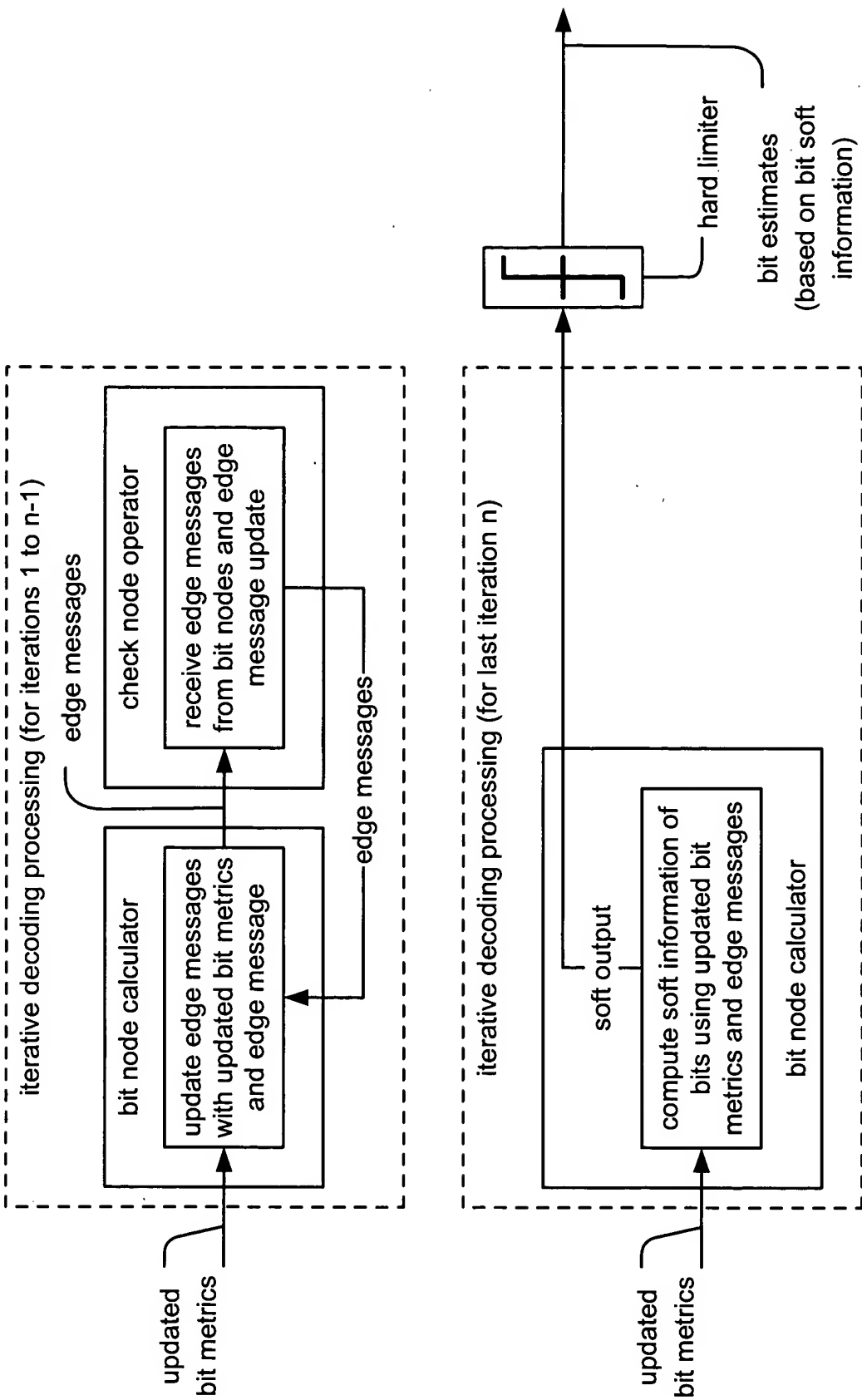
alternative LDPC coded modulation decoding functionality using bit metric (when performing n number of iterations)

**Fig. 20**



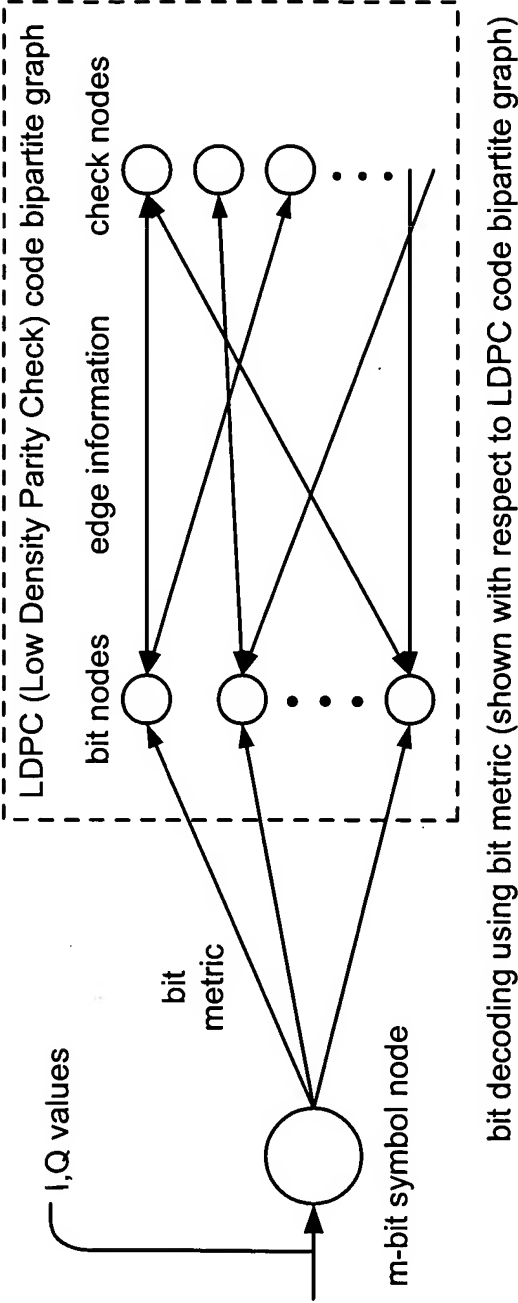
**Fig. 21**

LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation decoding functionality using bit metric (with bit metric updating)

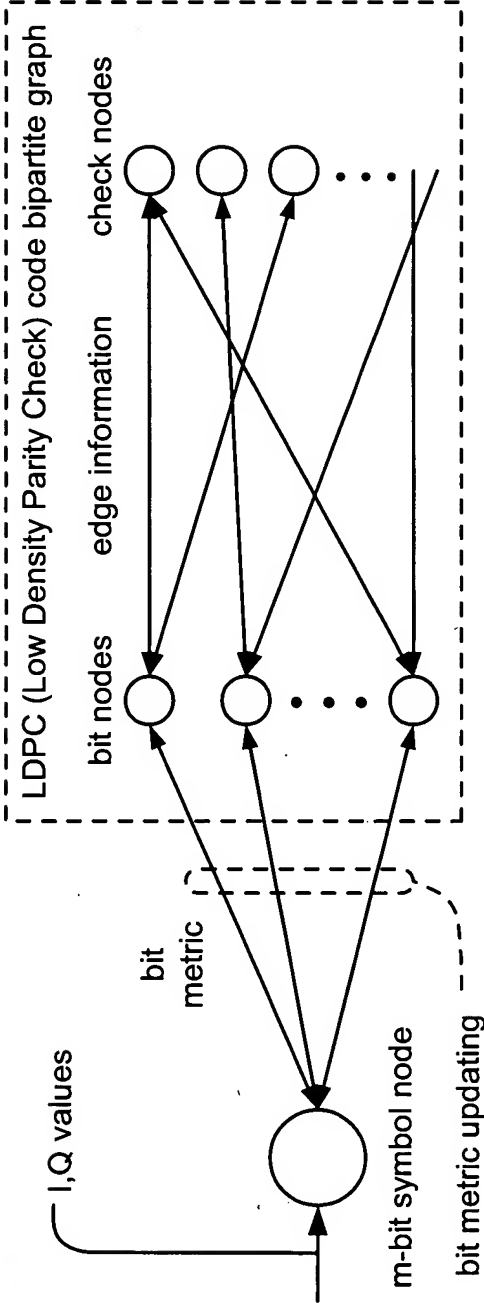


alternative LDPC coded modulation decoding functionality using bit metric (with bit metric updating)  
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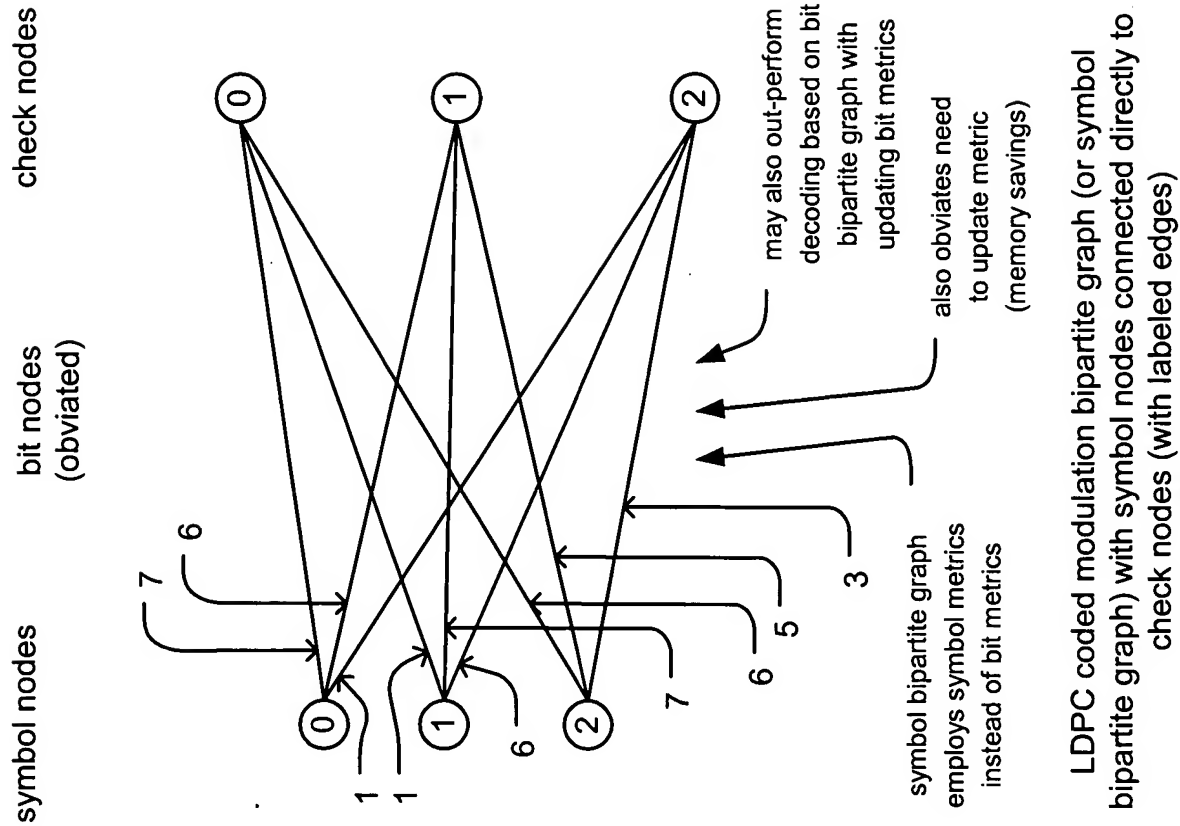
**Fig. 22**



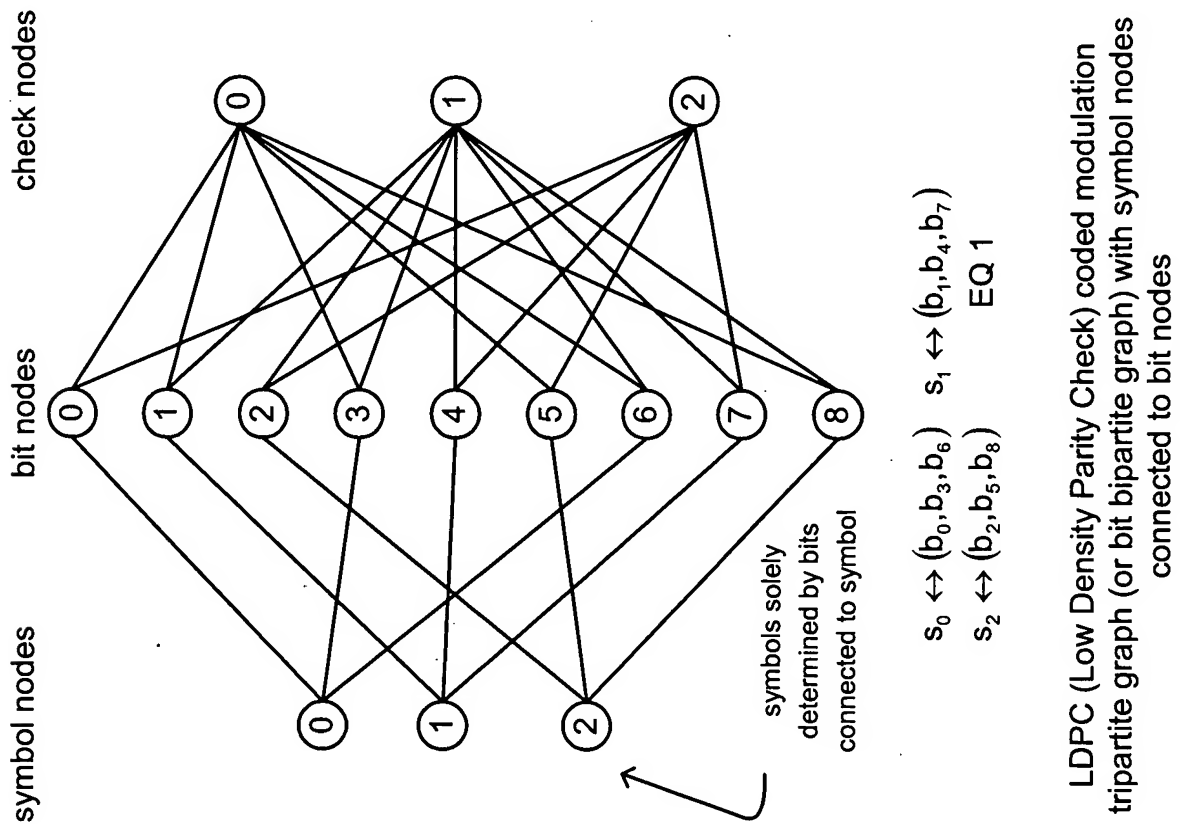
**Fig. 23A**



**Fig. 23B**



**Fig. 24B**

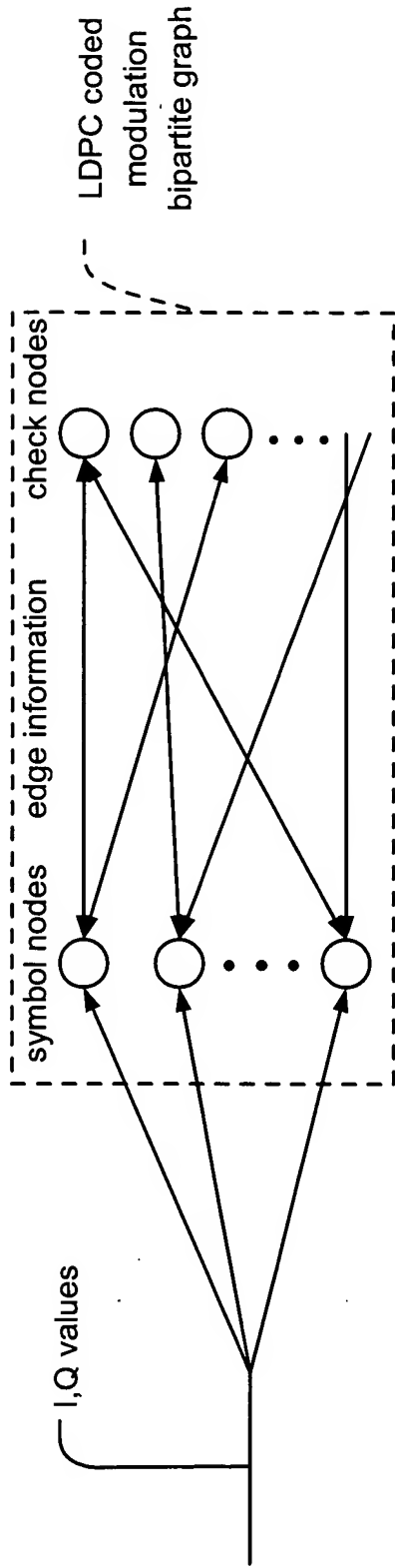


**Fig. 24A**

LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation tripartite graph (or bit bipartite graph) with symbol nodes connected to bit nodes

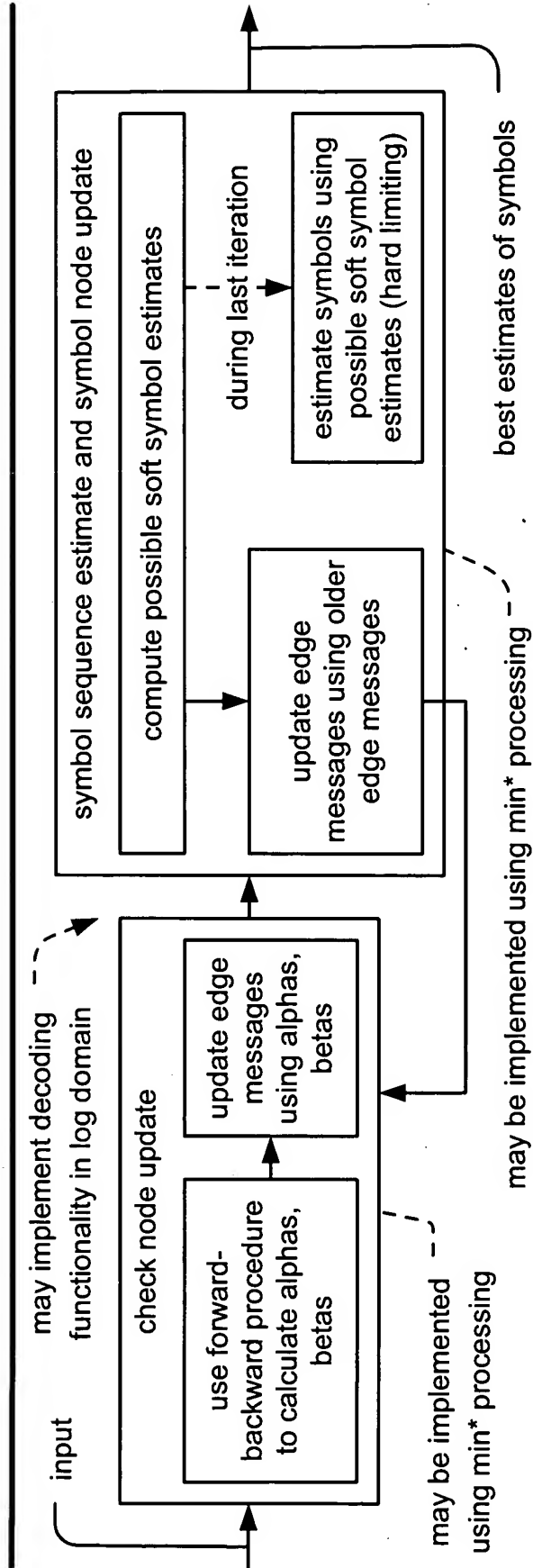
LDPC coded modulation bipartite graph (or symbol bipartite graph) with symbol nodes connected directly to check nodes (with labeled edges)





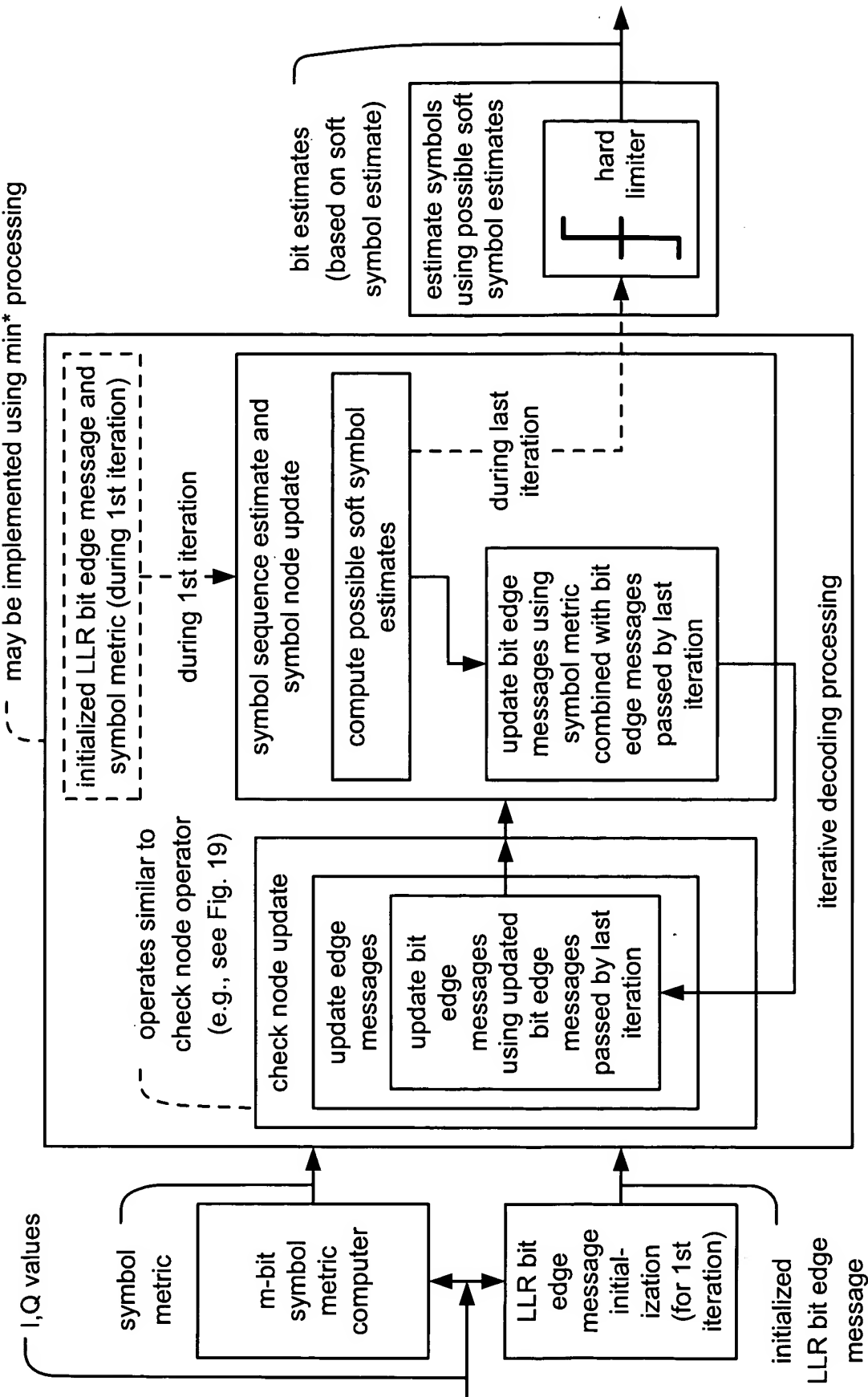
symbol decoding (shown with respect to LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation bipartite graph)

**Fig. 25A**



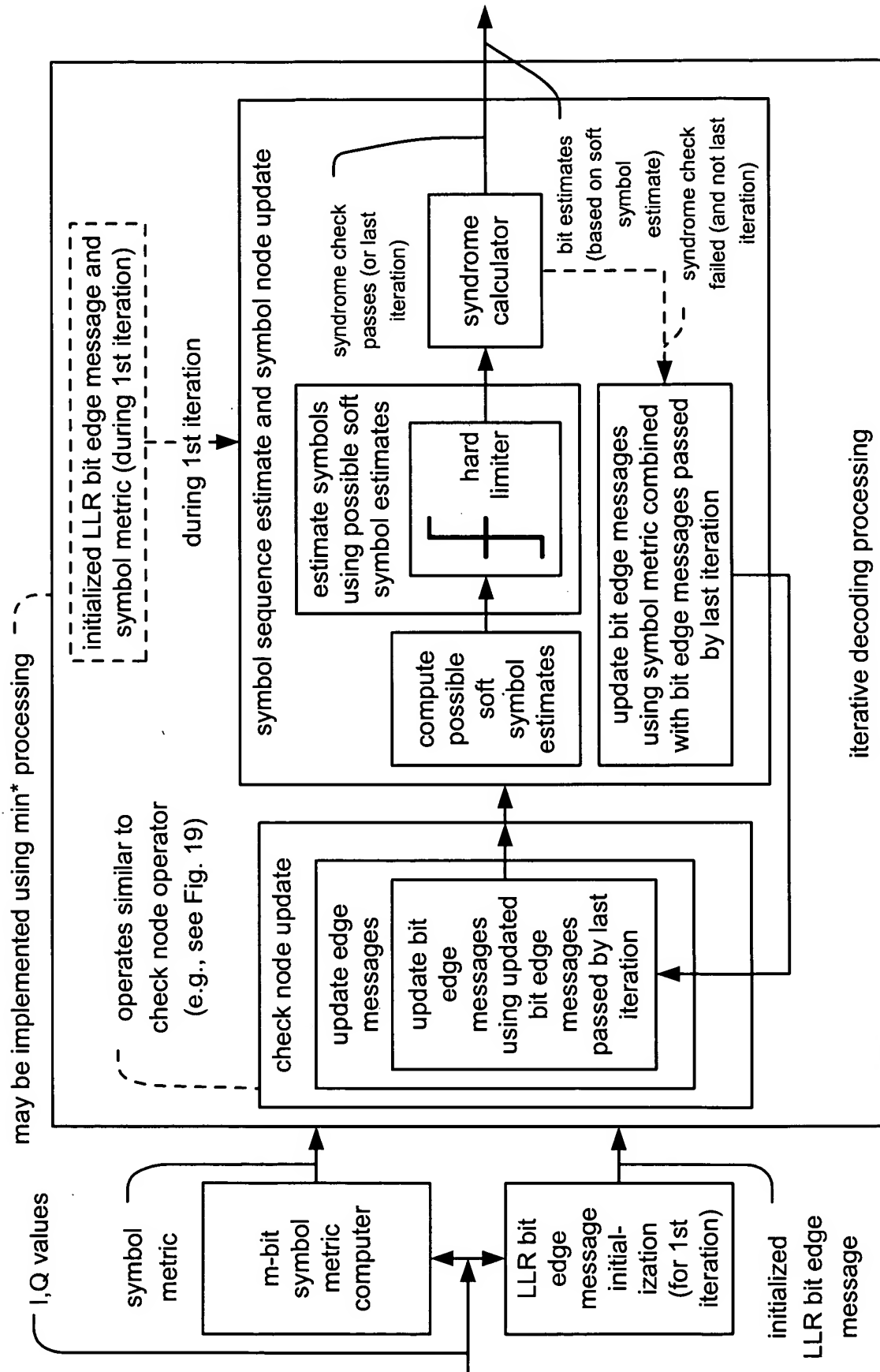
symbol decoding functionality (supported with LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) coded modulation bipartite graph)

**Fig. 25B**



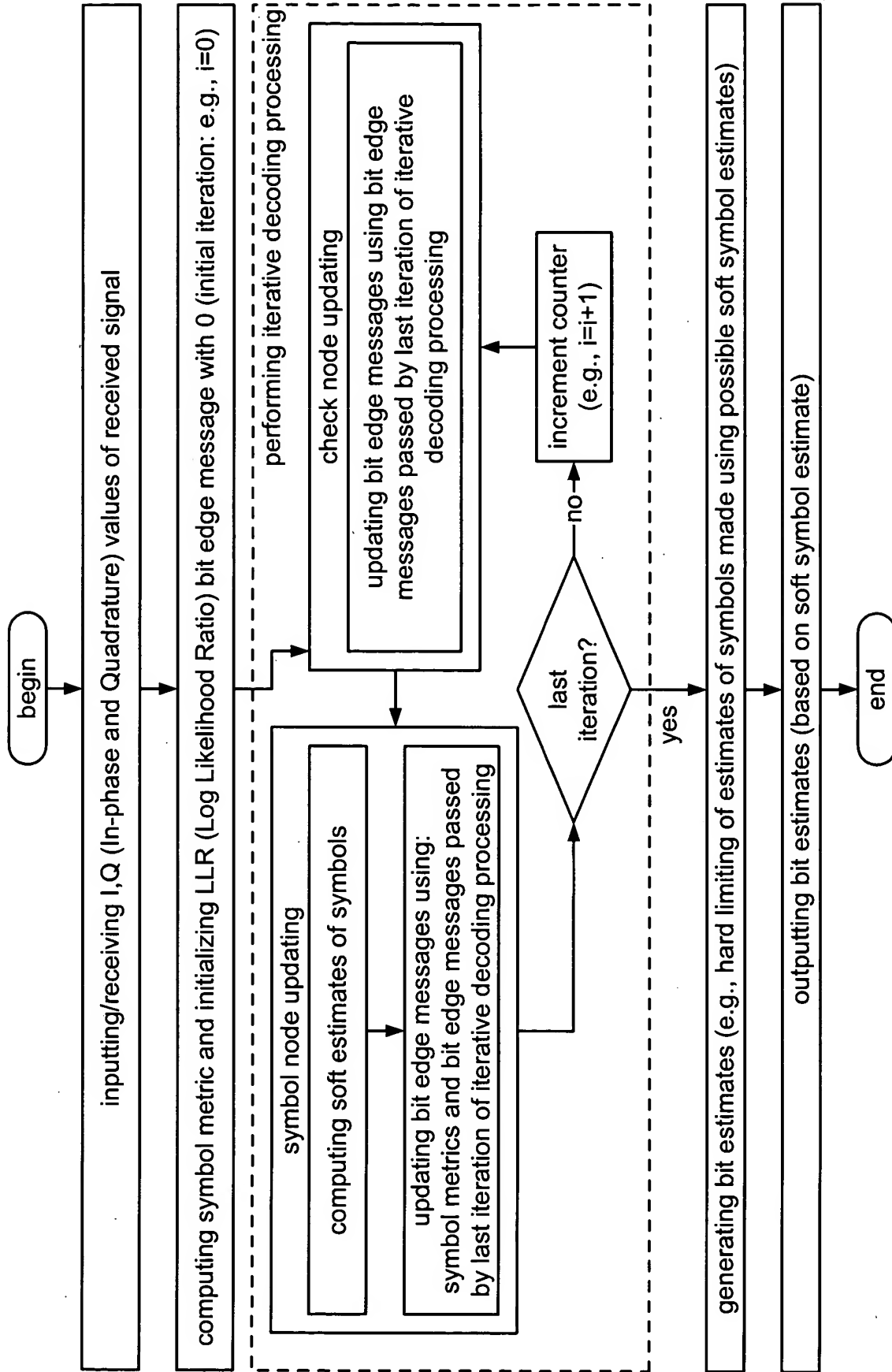
hybrid decoding functionality (having reduced complexity of symbol decoding) of LDPC coded modulation signals

**Fig. 26**



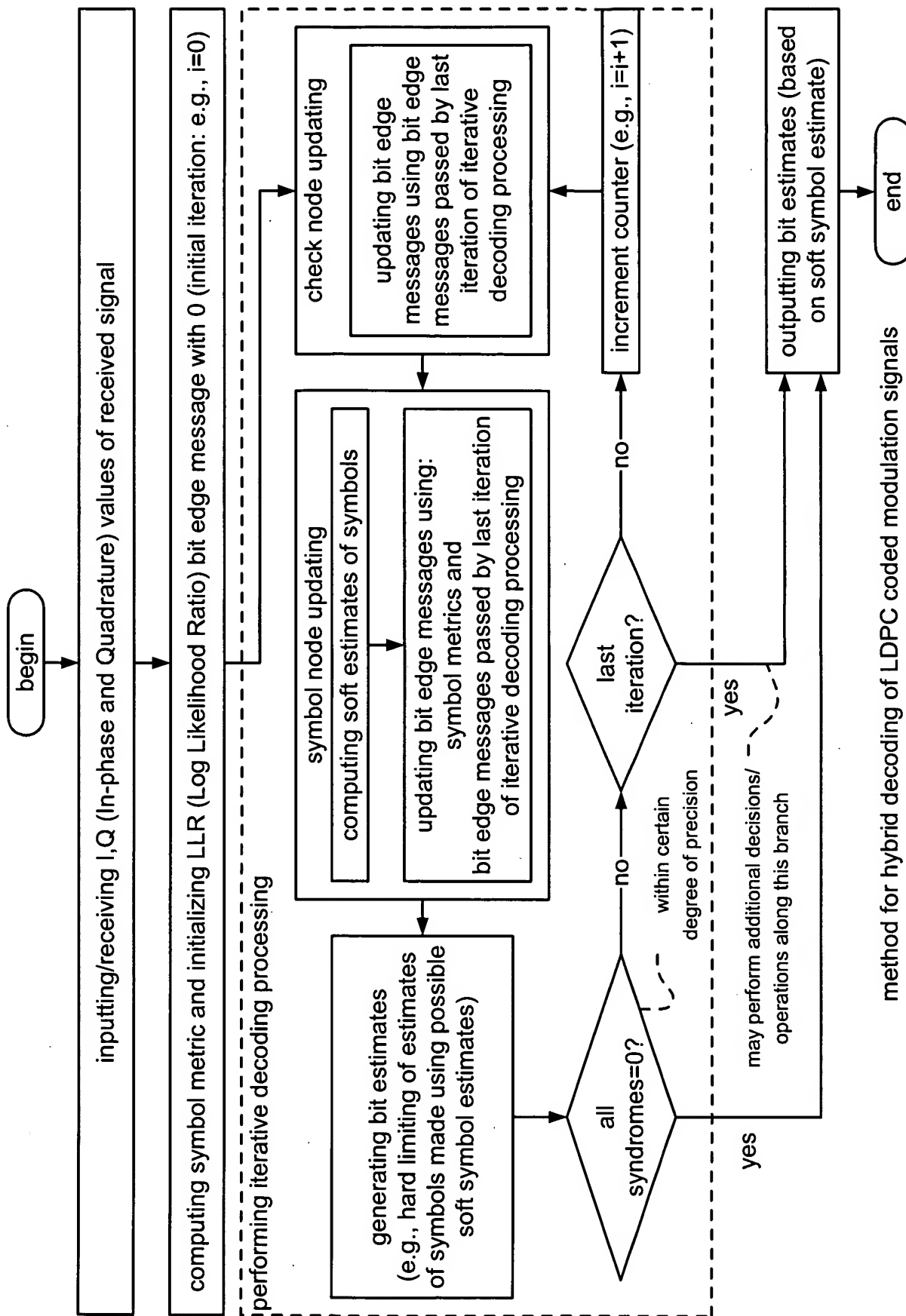
hybrid decoding functionality (having reduced complexity of symbol decoding) of LDPC coded modulation signals

**Fig. 27**



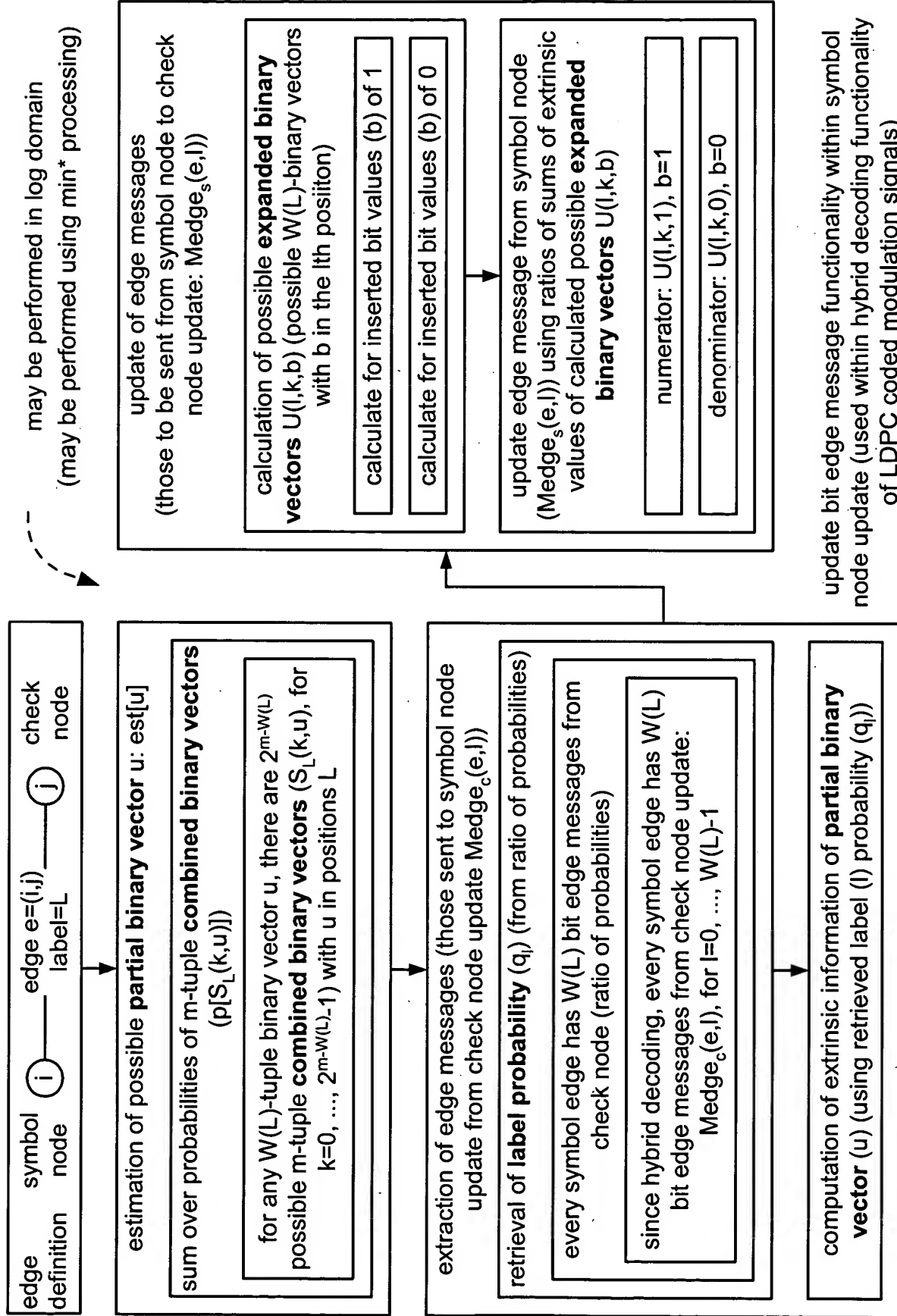
method for hybrid decoding of LDPC coded modulation signals

**Fig. 28**

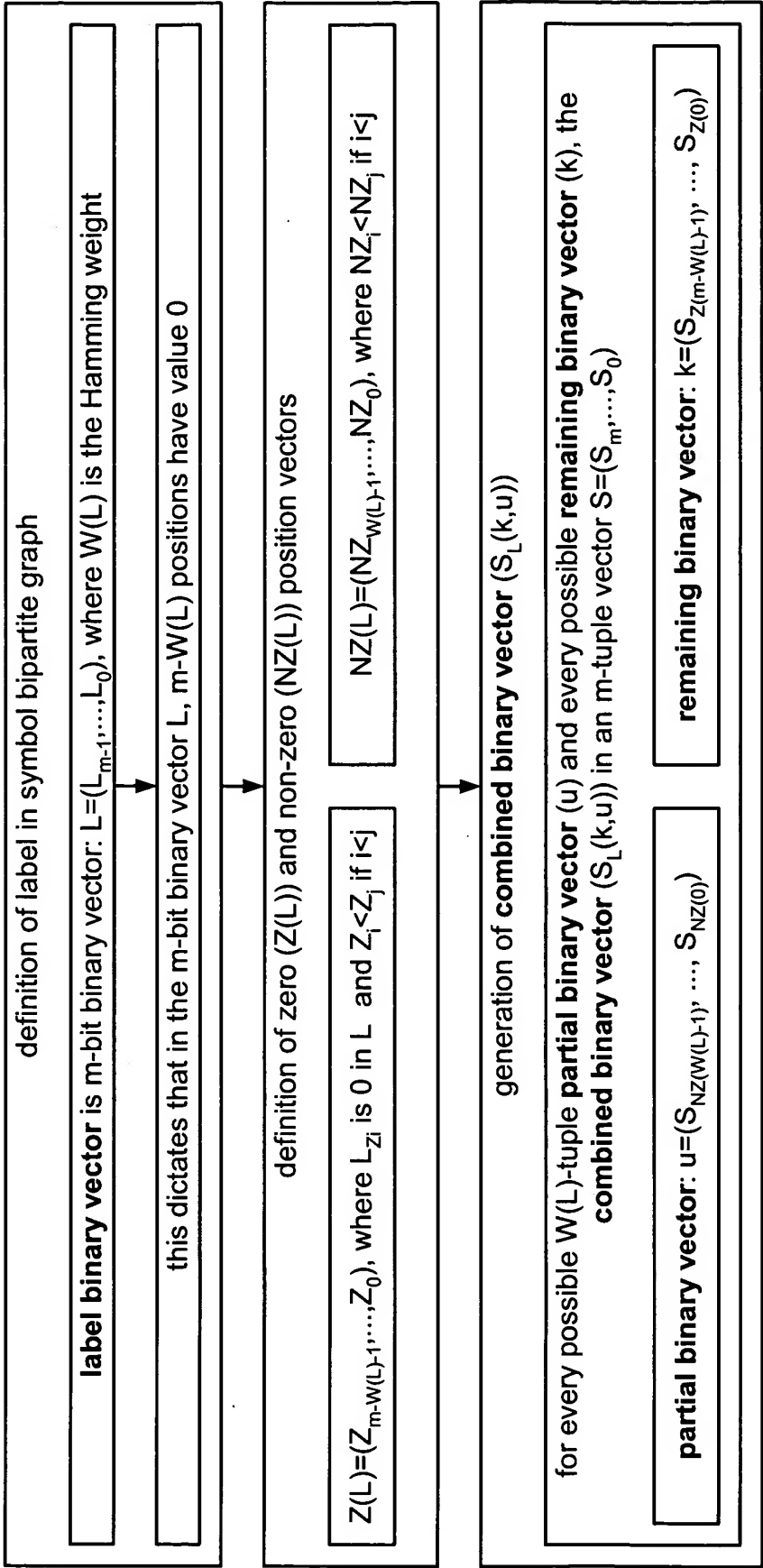


method for hybrid decoding of LDPC coded modulation signals

**Fig. 29**

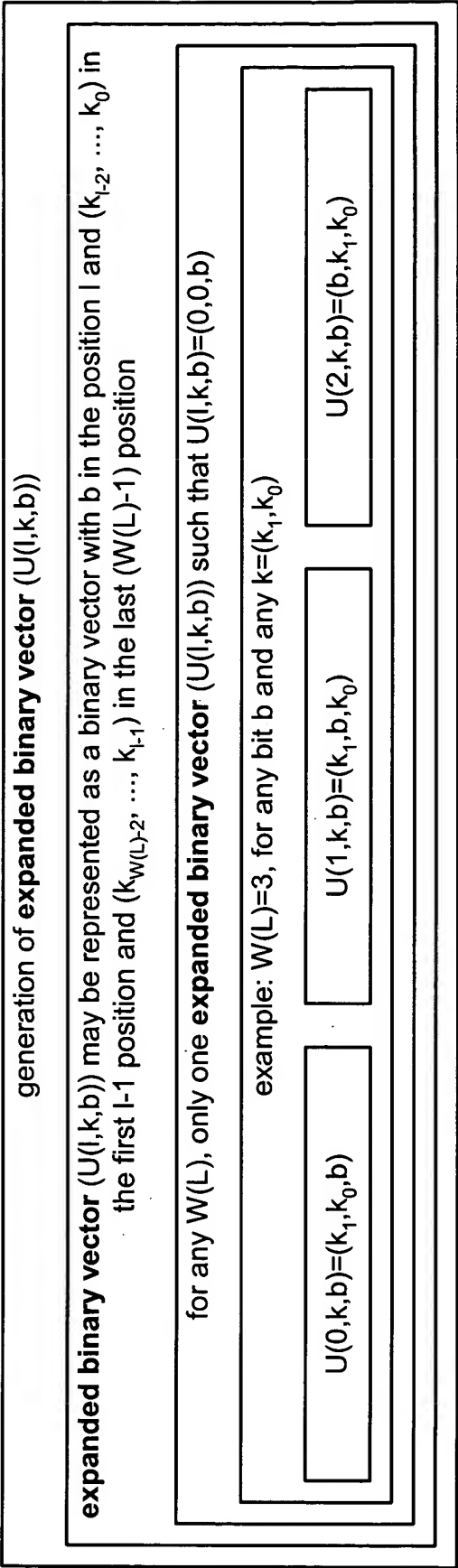


**Fig. 30**



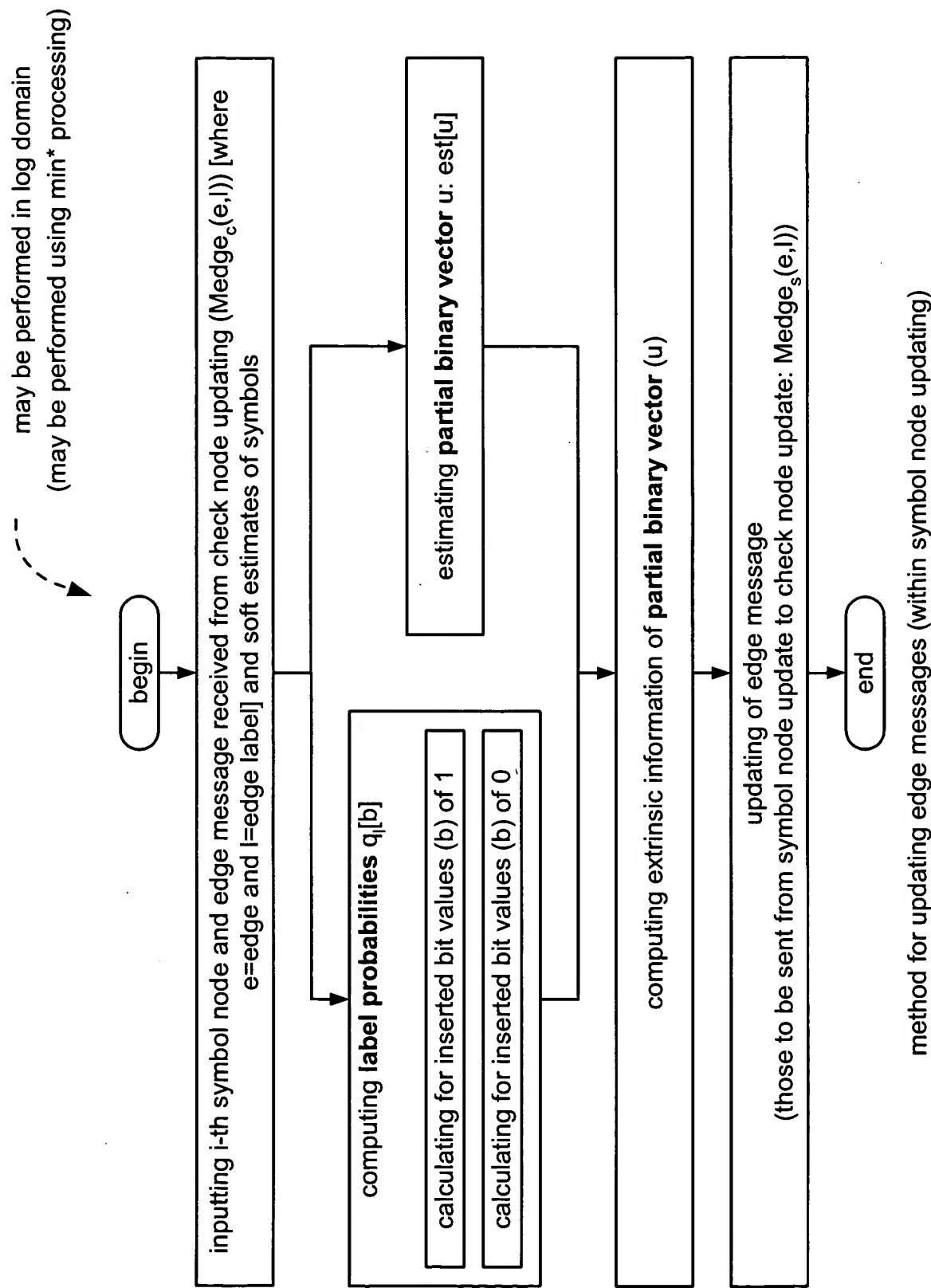
combined binary vector generation

Fig. 31

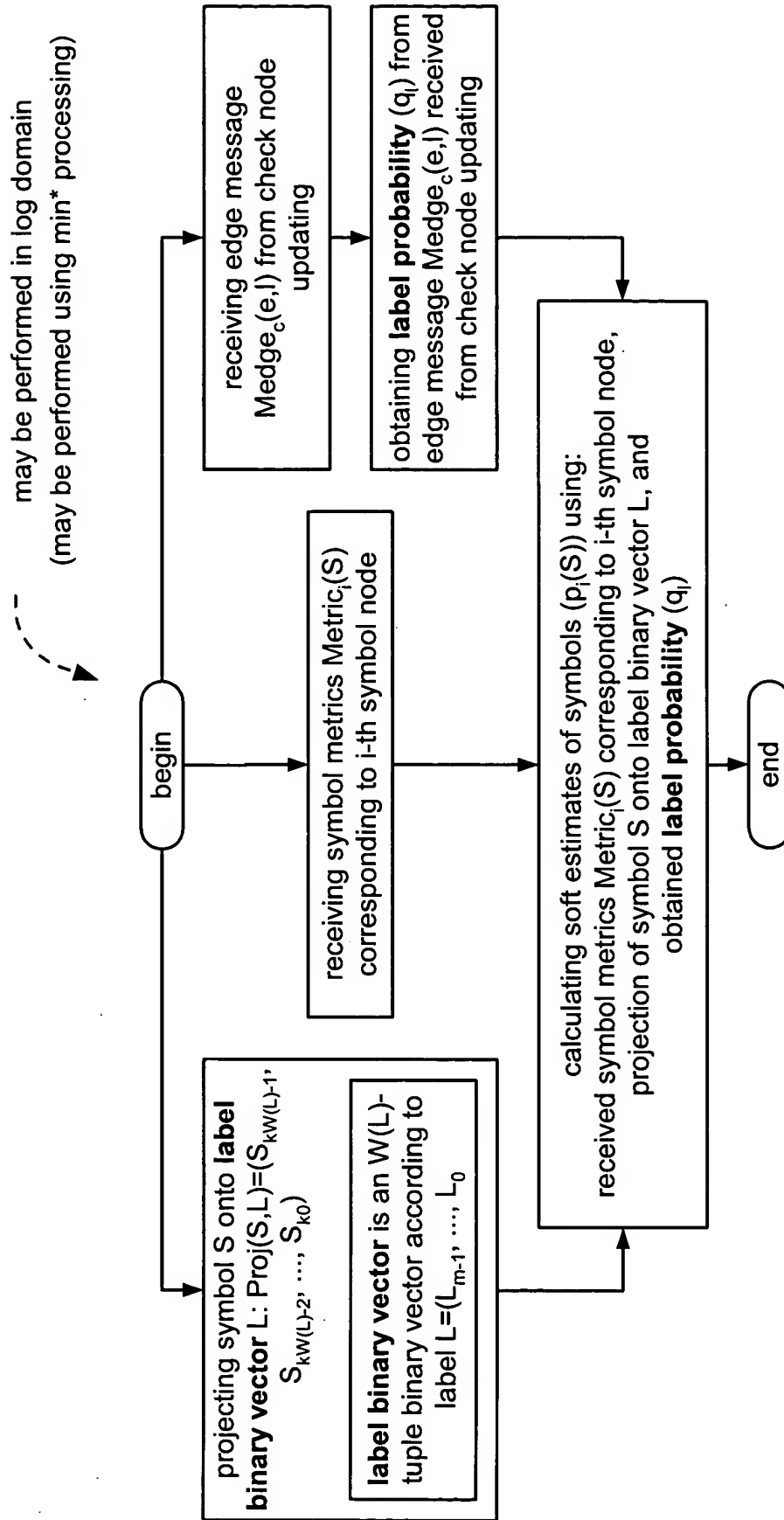


expanded binary vector generation  
**Fig. 32**



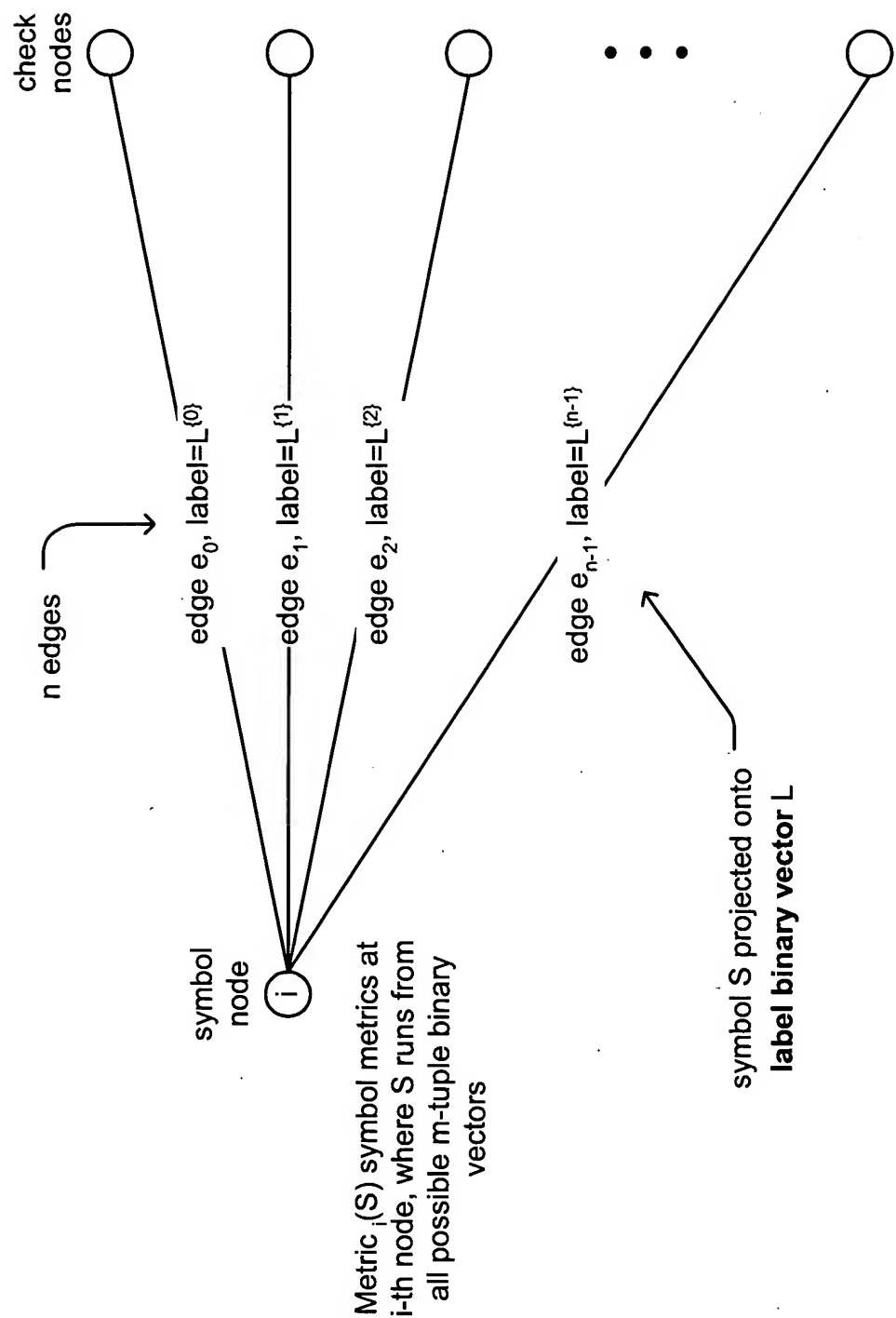


**Fig. 33**



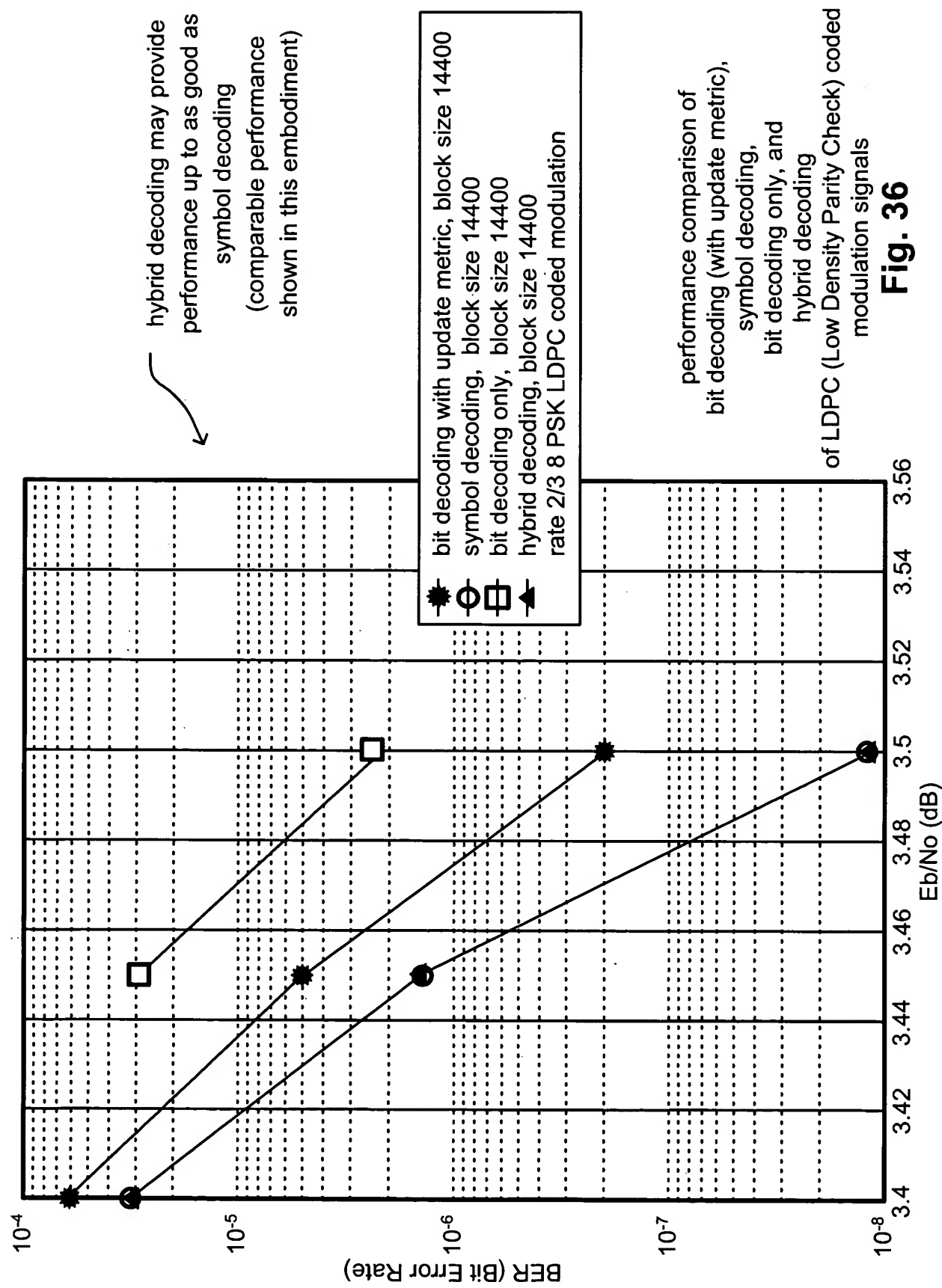
method for calculating soft estimates of symbols (within symbol node updating)

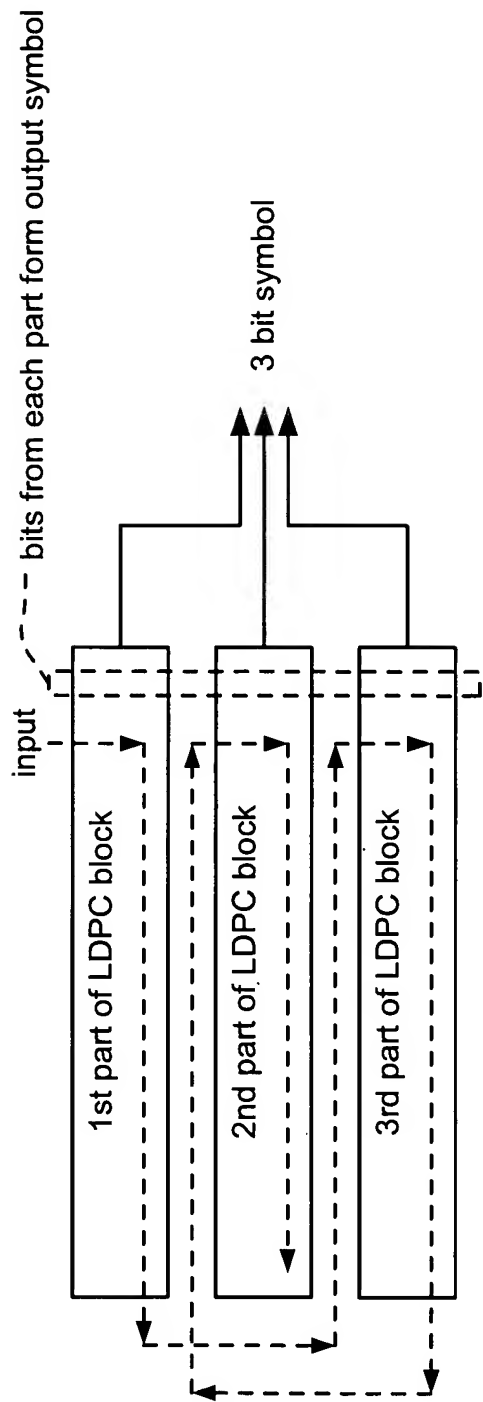
**Fig. 34**



projection of symbol onto label binary vector

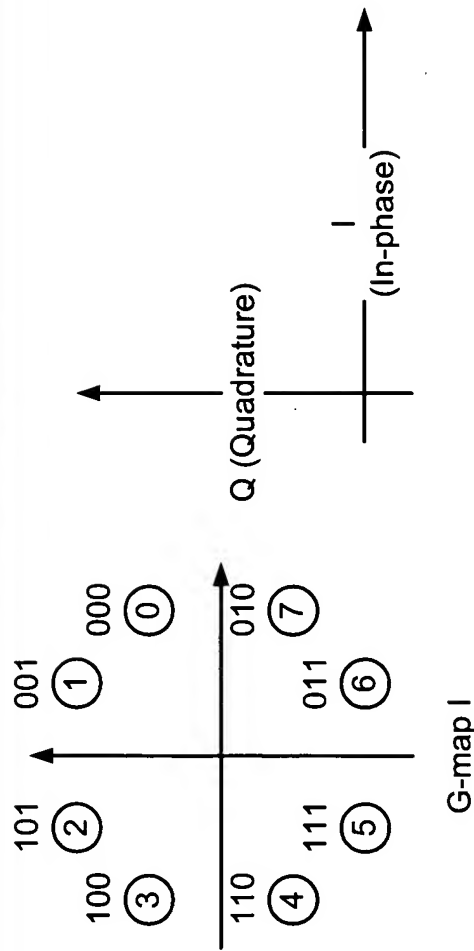
**Fig. 35**





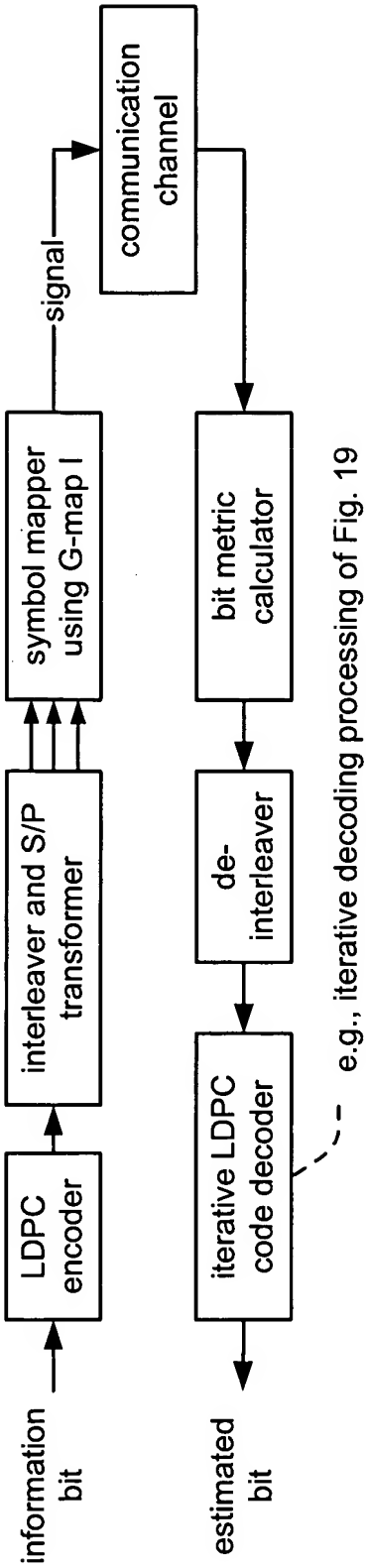
interleaver and S/P (Serial to Parallel) transformer as performed within an LDPC-BICM system

**Fig. 37A**

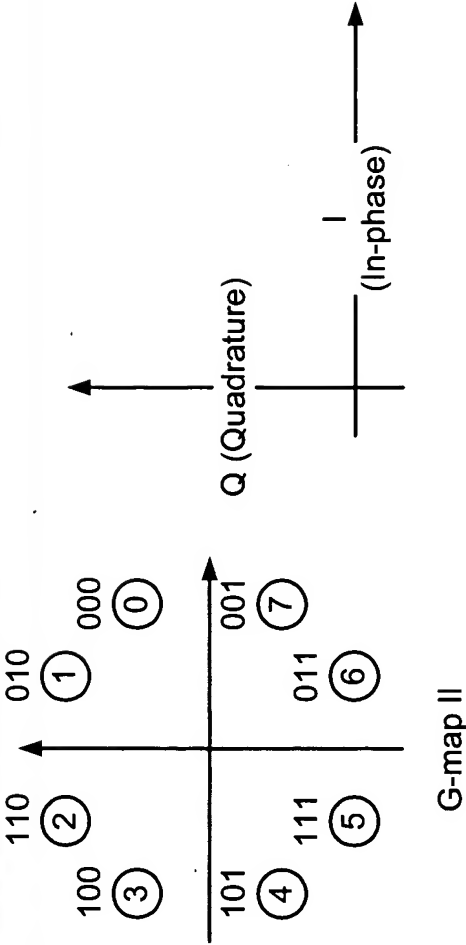


G-map I (Gray code map) (shown using 8 PSK shaped constellation)

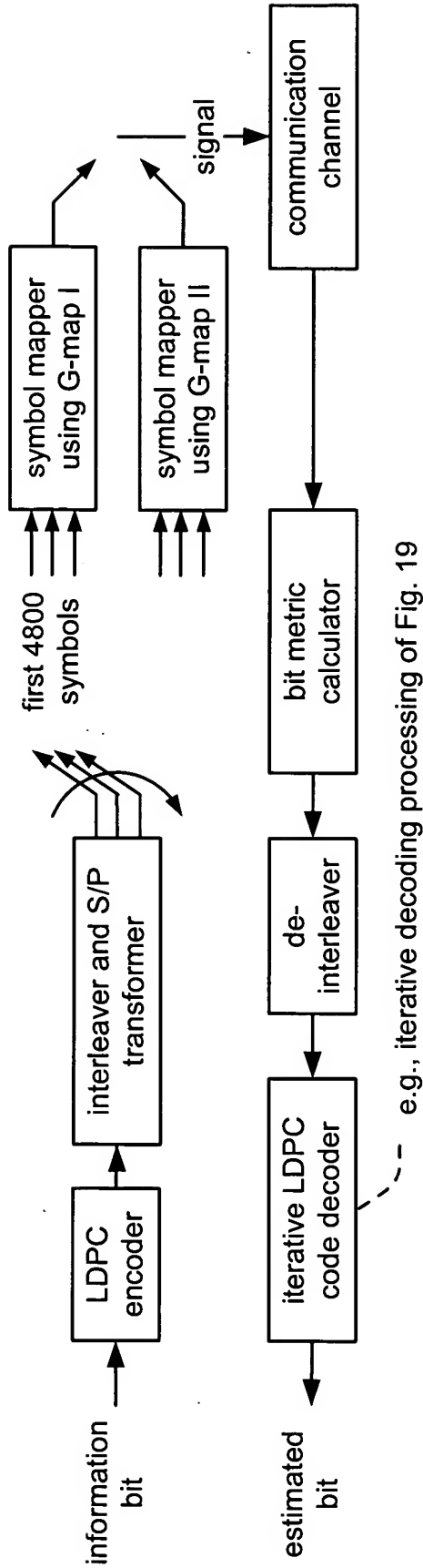
**Fig. 37B**



LDPC-BICM communication system I (encoding using single Gray code map and decoding using bit metric only)  
**Fig. 38A**

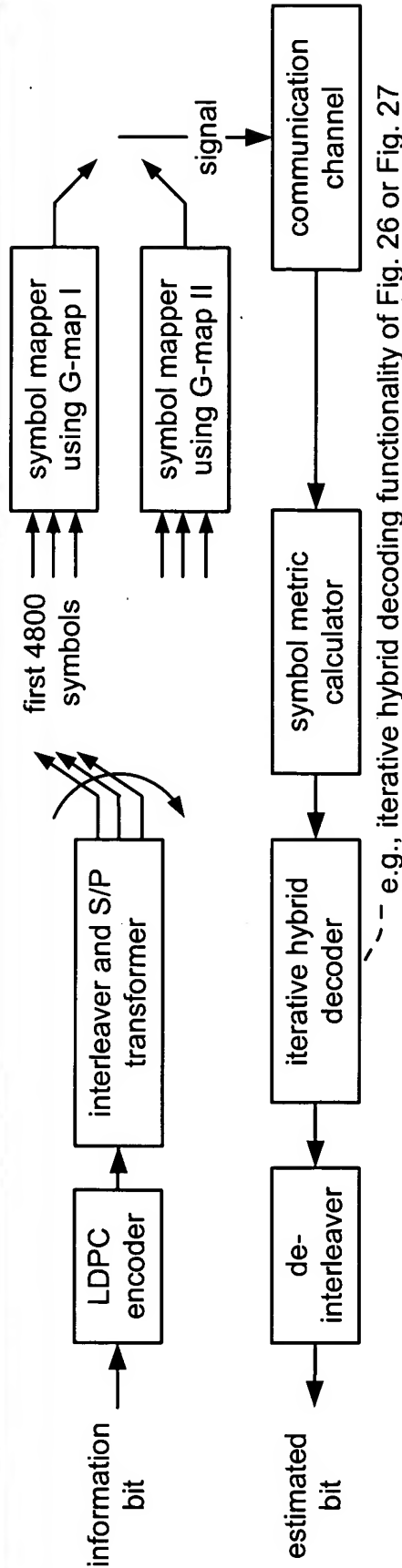


G-map II (Gray code map) (shown using 8 PSK shaped constellation)  
**Fig. 38B**



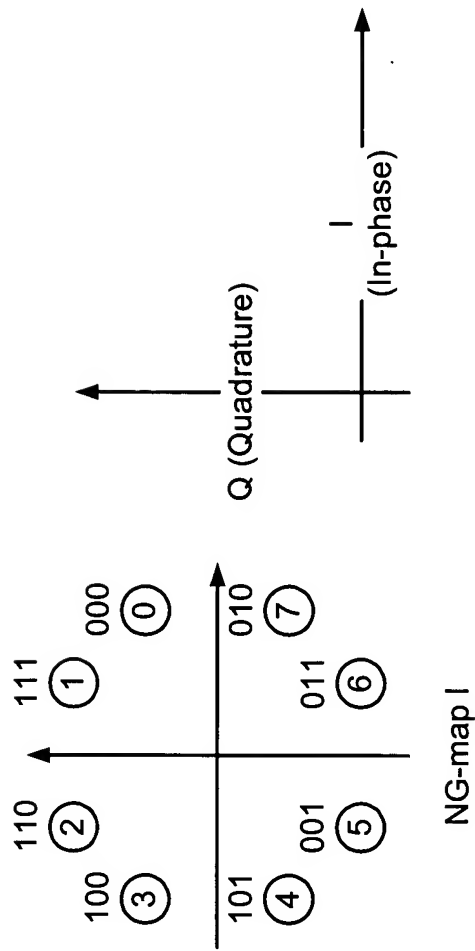
LDPC-BICM communication system II (encoding using 2 Gray code maps and decoding using bit metric only)

**Fig. 39A**



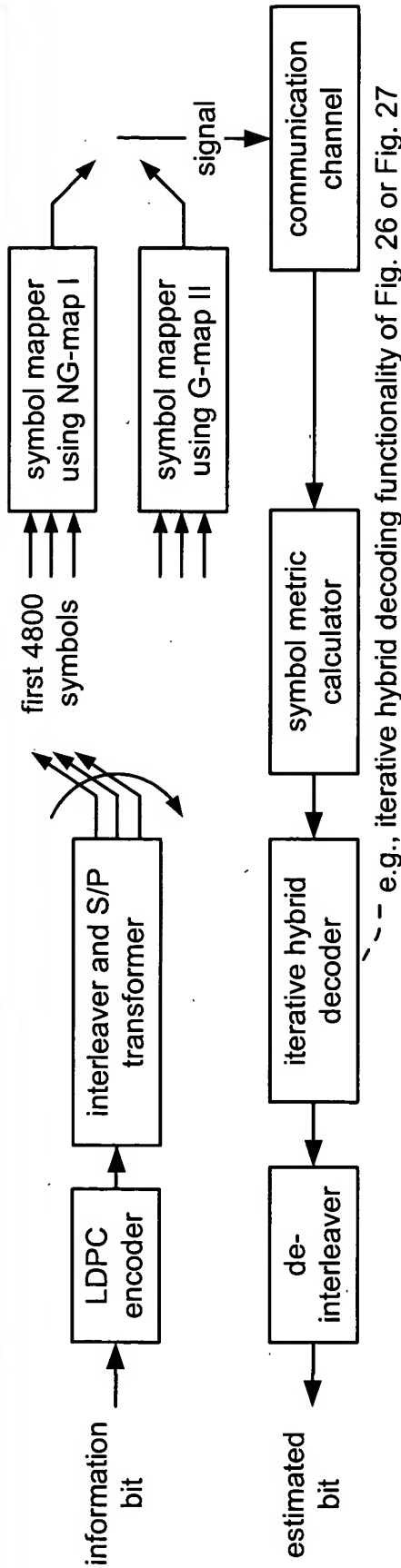
LDPC-BICM communication system III (encoding using 2 Gray code maps and decoding using hybrid decoding approach)

**Fig. 39B**



NG-map I (non-Gray code map) (shown using 8 PSK shaped constellation)

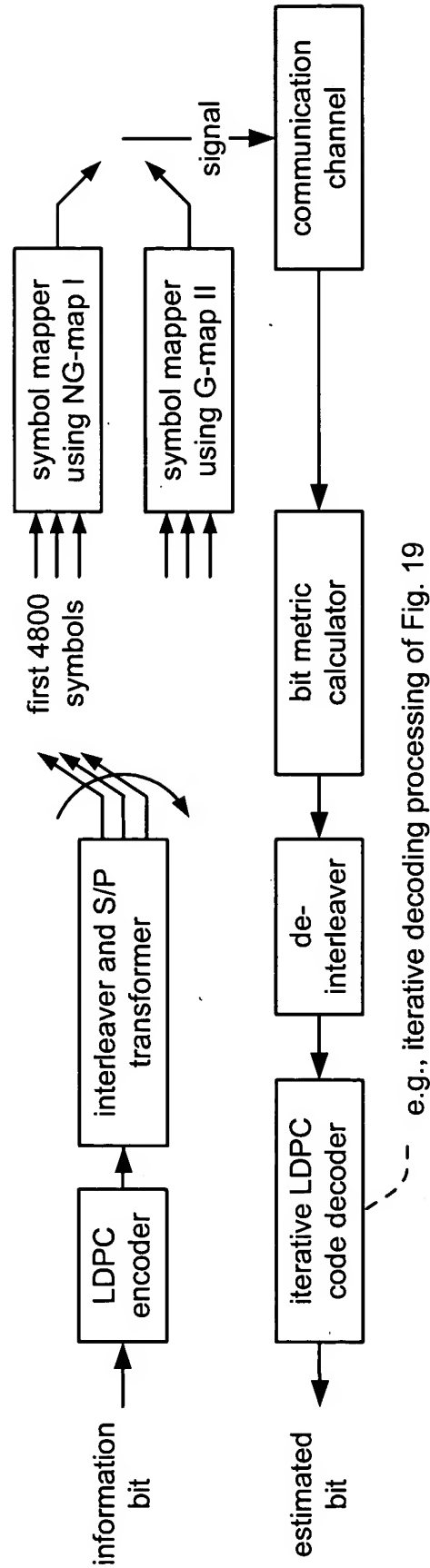
**Fig. 40A**



LDPC-BICM communication system IV using NG-map I (encoding using 1 Gray code map, 1 non-Gray code map and decoding using hybrid decoding approach)

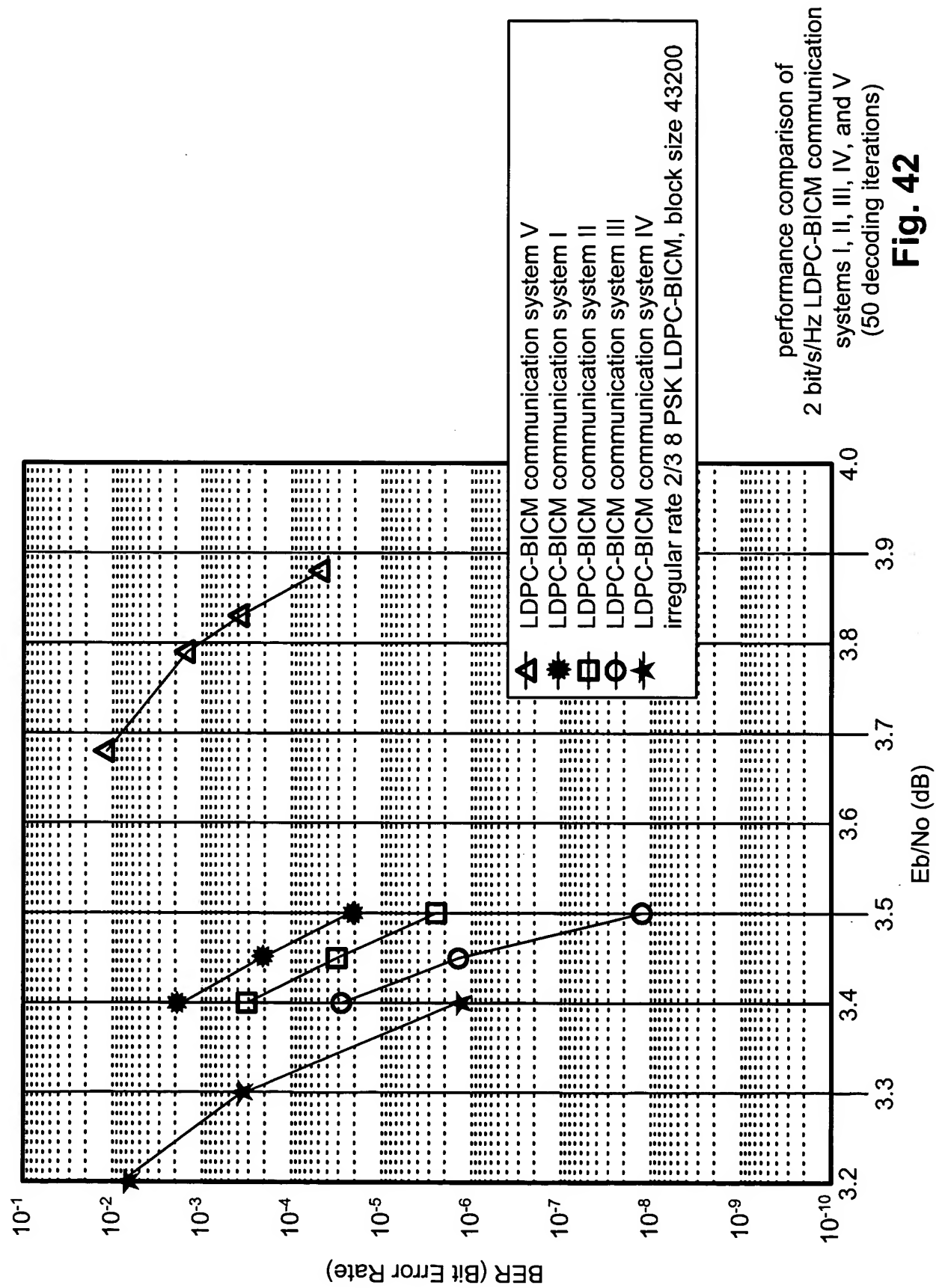
**Fig. 40B**

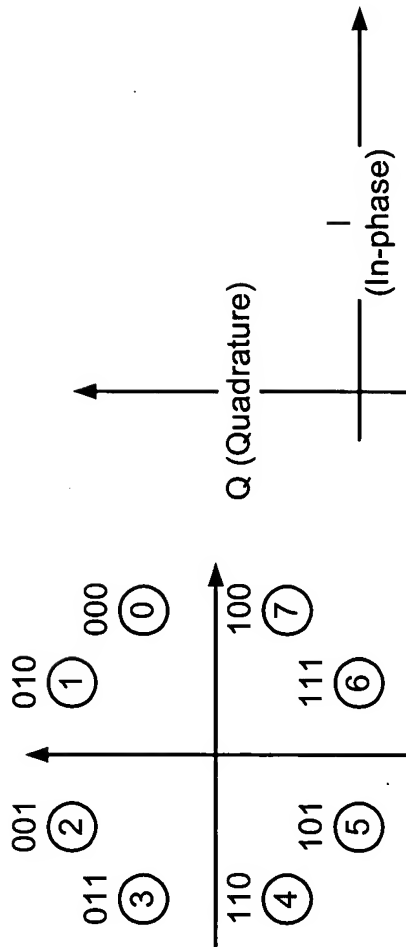




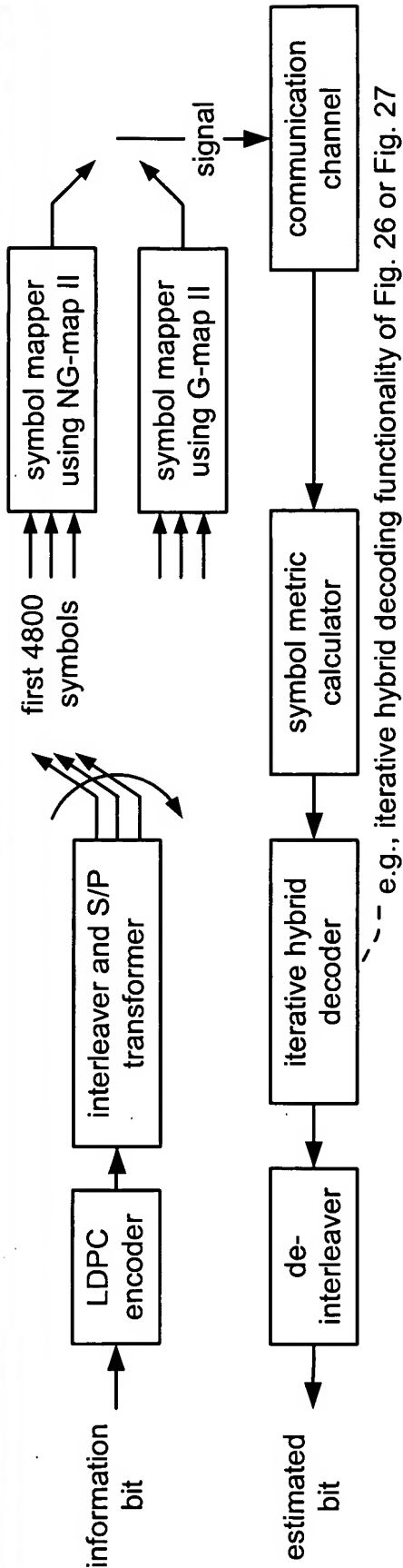
LDPC-BICM communication system V (encoding using 1 Gray code map, 1 non-Gray code map and decoding using bit metric only)

**Fig. 41**

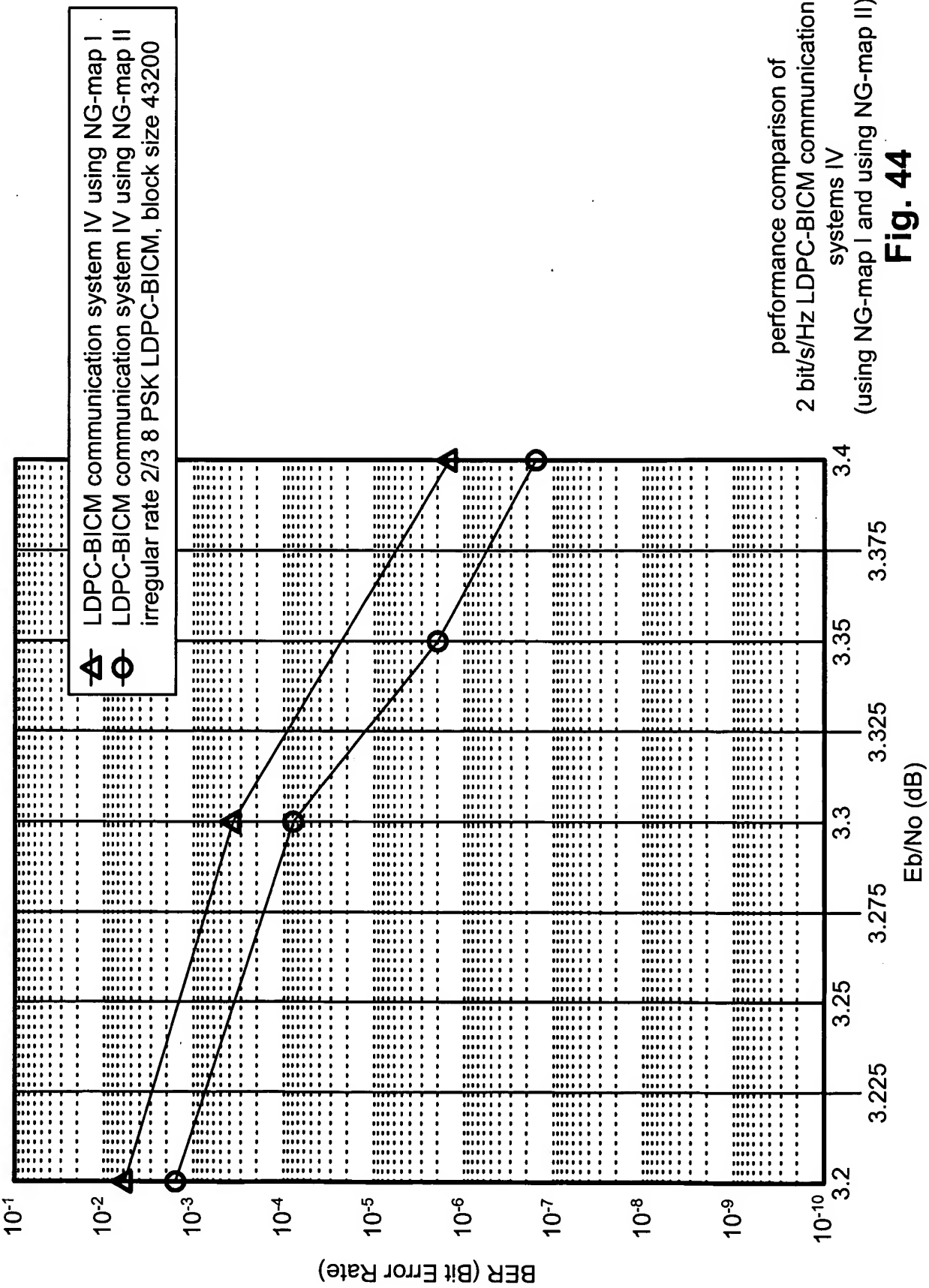


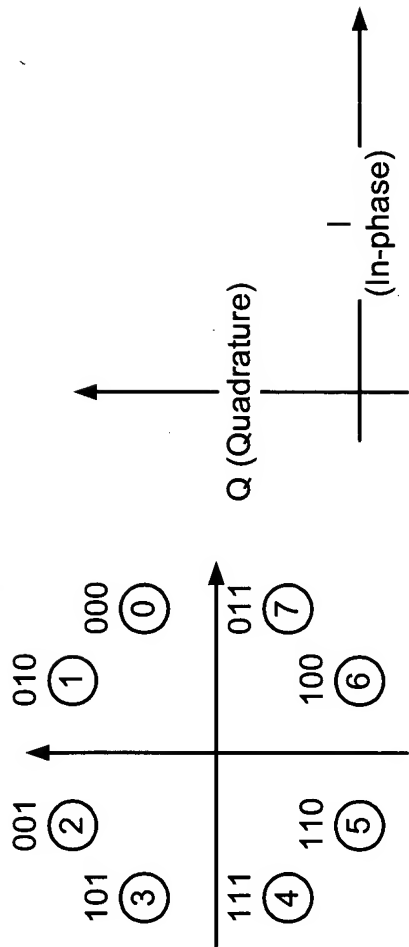


NG-map II  
NG-map II (non-Gray code map) (shown using 8 PSK shaped constellation)  
**Fig. 43A**

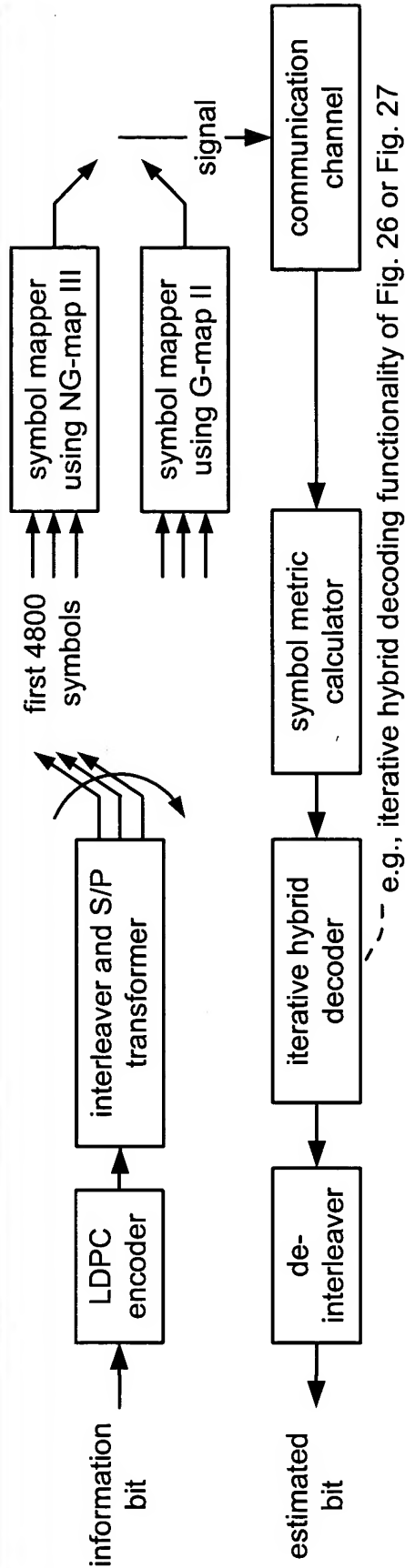


LDPC-BICM communication system IV using NG-map II (encoding using 1 Gray code map, 1 non-Gray code map and decoding using hybrid decoding approach)  
**Fig. 43B**

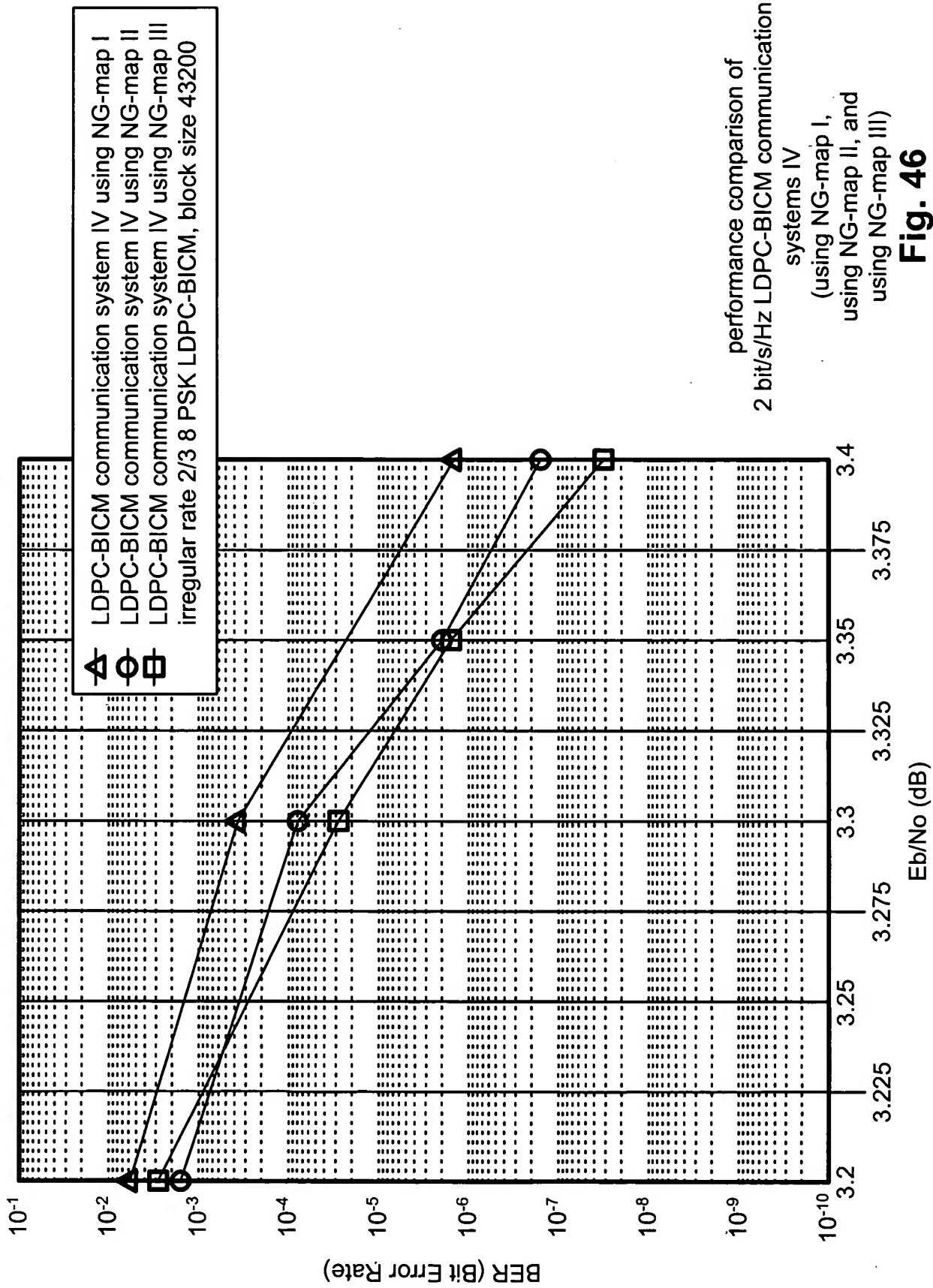


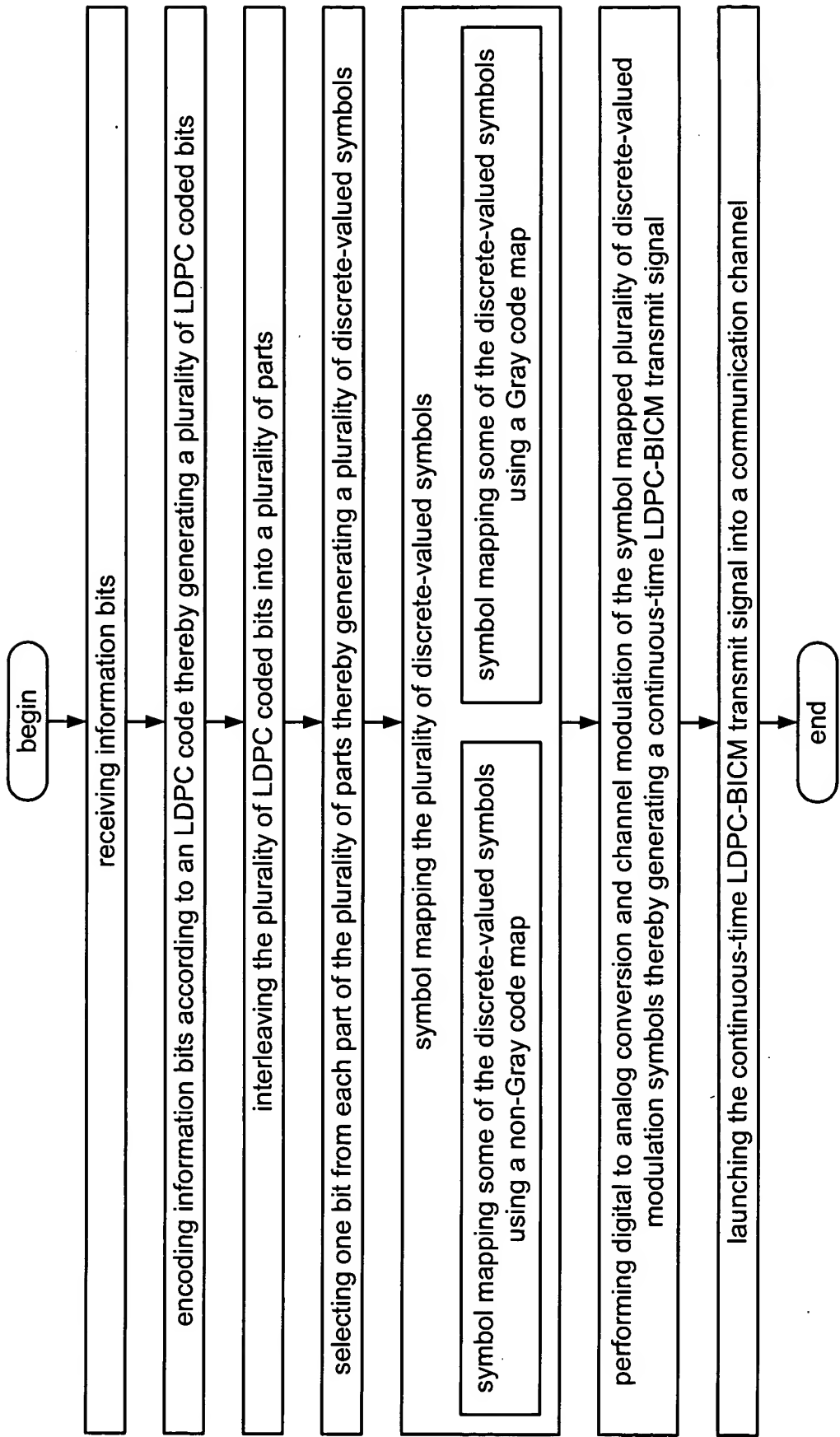


NG-map III  
NG-map III (non-Gray code map) (shown using 8 PSK shaped constellation)  
**Fig. 45A**



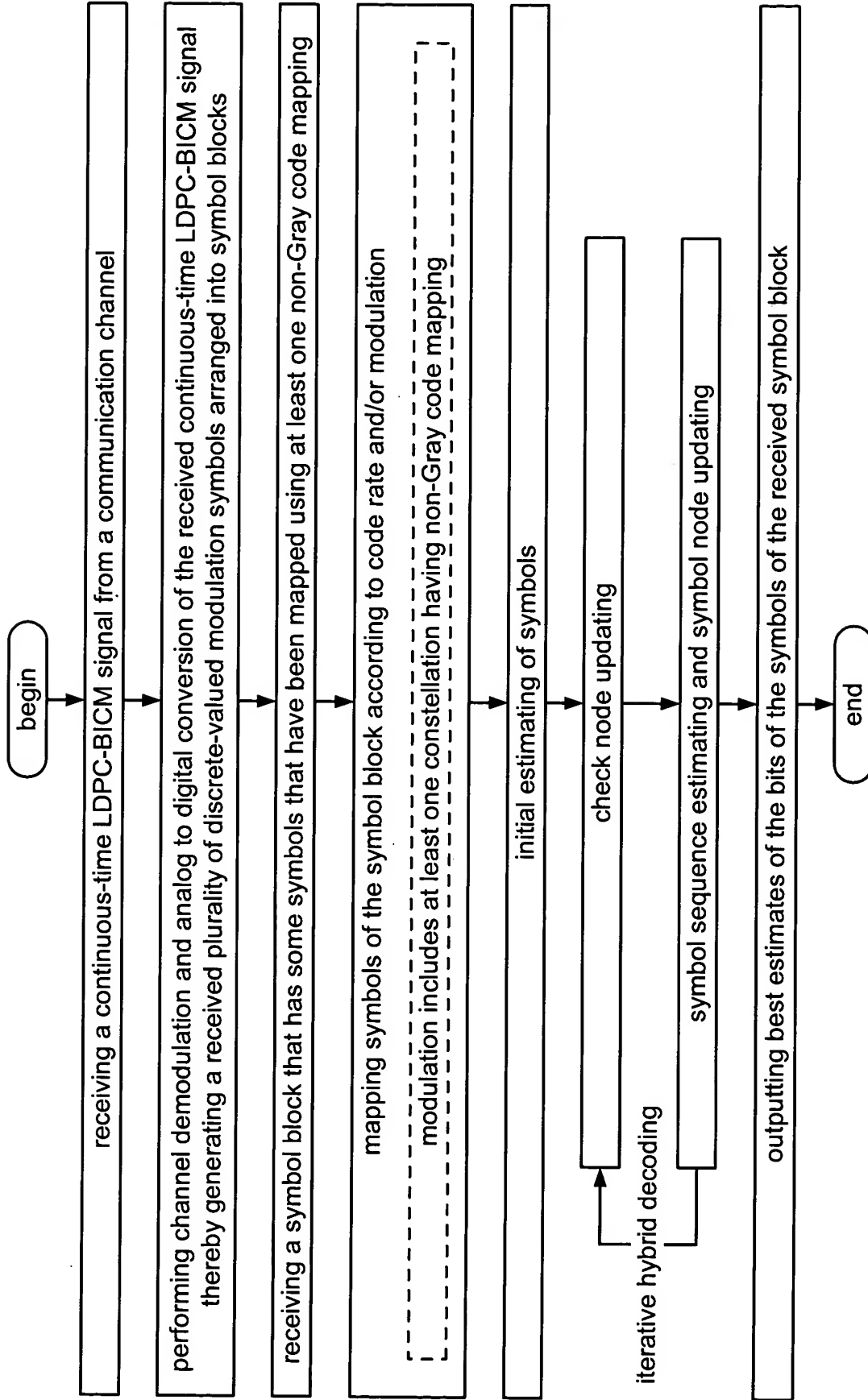
LDPC-BICM communication system IV using NG-map II (encoding using 1 Gray code map, 1 non-Gray code map and decoding using hybrid decoding approach)  
**Fig. 45B**





method for generating an LDPC-BICM signal having a non-Gray code mapping

**Fig. 47**



method for hybrid decoding of LDPC-BICM signal having a non-Gray code mapping

**Fig. 48**